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# MANSFIELD ASKS RECOUNT

## SEEKS CHECK ON BALLOTS IN EVERY WARD

Defeated Candidate Charges  
Irregularities; 'Pols' and Cur-  
ley Men Surprised at Move

An application for a recount of ballots in every ward of the city was made today by Frederick W. Mansfield, unsuccessful candidate for Mayor against James M. Curley.

The application was filed by Atty. Francis J. Murray, representing Mr. Mansfield. Atty. Murray appeared at the office of the election commissioners, accompanied by John W. Haines of Mansfield, one of the guards placed on guard at the City Hall vault by the Mansfield forces.

It will be necessary for the petitioner to obtain 50 signatures of registered voters and the approval of a jurat to be filed at the Election Commissioners before 5 p. m. tomorrow.

It was learned that the Curley forces had a Boston police officer and a detective of the Burns agency stationed at the vault in the City Hall basement all day yesterday.

Politicians expressed amazement at the Mansfield move as Curley's plurality amounted to 19,517.

Mansfield issued a statement in which he charged that reports from all sections of the city indicated errors and irregularities in counting, tabulating and totalling the votes cast for mayoral candidates.

The statement issued by Mansfield follows:

### CHARGES COUNTING ERRORS

"Many reports have come to me from all sections of the city of errors and irregularities in counting, tabulating and totaling the votes cast for mayor at the Tuesday election.

"I do not know of a ward where the precinct returns as published in the newspaper total the amount given at the foot of the columns.

"The exact vote ought to be determined for the information and satisfaction of the voters."

"At the urgent request of many friends and supporters, I ask for a recount of the total vote for mayor in each ward."

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## CHALLENGES NOT FOR LOMASNEY

Noted Ward Leader Didn't  
Send Lawyer to Polls

Repeated challenges of voters at Precinct 3 of Ward 3 during Tuesday's election by a State-st lawyer, led to the impression that such challenges were made in behalf of Martin Lomasney, famous ward leader who had declared for Curley. A story in the Globe represented that this attorney had been engaged by Mr Lomasney to represent him.

Subsequent inquiry proved that the man did not represent Lomasney, nor anybody connected with his well-known organization, and the Globe takes this occasion to correct the erroneous conclusion suggested in its story.

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ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER



By CARL ROSE

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# Curley Plans

## World-City

### Tells Hub Ideals to Record

By KATHERINE DONOVAN

James M. Curley, mayor-elect of the city of Boston, sat in the library of his Jamaica Plain home yesterday and described in an exclusive interview with a Daily Record reporter his plans, his hopes, and his ideals for making Boston an industrial and commercial leader among the cities of the world.

Vividly and enthusiastically, and with specific practical examples, he drew a word-picture of the city of his dream and his determination; a city which he pledges himself to make without peer in the nation.

#### FOR A NEW BOSTON

Here are some of his definite plans for Boston:

1—An airport second to none in the world. The development of the present airport to include an enormous 2600 acre tract of land as far as Governor's Island, the land to be leased for assembling plants for the nation's great industrial companies.

2—The enlargement of the city planning board, to include representatives of the city's leading industrial and commercial organizations, members of the clergy, and representatives from the great colleges for men and women—Harvard, Wellesley, Radcliffe, Boston University, Boston College, Tufts and others.

3—A project for the consolidation of all railroad and steamship lines in Boston and Greater Boston, with provision for the establishment of a great belt line terminal railroad through which direct communication between all railroad and steamship lines would be possible. In connection with this belt line railroad, the electrification of all steam railroads in Greater Boston. A concentrated program of expansion such as this,

Mr. Curley believes, will draw to Boston "international business on an enormous scale."

#### MAKING TOURIST CENTER

4—The creation through the legislature of a special city fund for entertainment of distinguished visitors and for conventions, with a view to making Boston a tourist center of the world.

5—The construction of a great strandway park in East Boston, with municipal baths.

6—The construction in connection with East Boston project of the great solarium in the country; a huge glassed-in space where mothers and children and all citizens of Boston may enjoy the benefit of sun rays at all seasons of the year.

"Boston at present has many ills and is due for a major surgical operation," Mr. Curley said.

"The real trouble is that the city government is not business-minded; it thinks only of political expediency, when it should think first of industrial and commercial expediency.

#### IDEAL PLANNING BOARD.

"I intend to enlarge the city planning board and draft from colleges, churches and other organizations the finest and most brilliant minds of their men and women.

"I shall set before these men and women the task of re-creating a Boston which shall be for the future; I want them to form contacts with international business enterprises, and bring these enterprises to Boston.

"If, through development of our airport and our transportation by railroad and water, we can guarantee these business concerns every possible facility for expansion, they will come here, and they will provide work and prosperity for our citizens."

Mr. Curley, in the midst of his interview, was interrupted by his small son, Francis, returning from school, where he is in the first grade.

#### SON'S VICTORY SONG

Francis obligingly rendered a song which he had learned in honor of his father's election:

"Tammany! Victory!

"Curley for four years more."

Mrs. Curley, the mayor-elect said,

### Jim's 3 "W's"

HERE are three "W's" which most concern every citizen of Boston, Mayor-elect Curley says. They are "Work, Wages and Worry."

"We want to provide work, increase wages and wipe out worry," Mr. Curley explained, discussing his plans for a bigger and better Boston.

was fatigued after the strain of the campaign, but was happy in his victory. Mr. Curley hopes that her health will permit a short vacation trip before he takes his oath of office.

There are two city problems which Mr. Curley believes will work out their own destiny during the coming four years. One is automobile traffic, and the other is censorship.

"I believe the traffic problem will be greatly benefited if we achieve electrification of steam railroads," he said. "I have definite plans for this, but I am not yet ready to state them."

#### AS TO CENSORSHIP

"As to censorship, I believe that, too, will work out satisfactorily. We should always remember to be liberal. The mayor, of course, has nothing to do with book censorship. It must be remembered that too strict enforcement of book censorship would bar some of the great classics of the ages.

"I anticipate no trouble about stage censorship because I believe the actors and producers themselves are willing to co-operate with our present laws, and are averse to presenting those productions which fall outside the law."

Mr. Curley declared that his vision of a greater Boston is not for the present but for the future.

"We must plan for 50 years from now," he said. "Our airport, our harbor facilities, our streets and buildings, the very trees in our parks, must be considered in the light of the future development of the city."

#### ARDENT OVER AIRPORT

Mr. Curley is particularly enthusiastic concerning his proposed plans for the development of the airport.

"There are 2600 acres leading to Governor's Island which should be filled in," he said. "On this land there should be a railroad connecting all other railroads, and alongside a 40-foot channel which could

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accommodate the greatest liners on the sea.

"On this tract of land, great national business enterprises could erect huge assembling plants, with facilities for airplane landings on their roofs. In this way raw materials could be brought to the plants by air, land and sea, and the freight problems greatly facilitated.

"Boston should have the best and most important airport in the world; the vision of its citizens and its city government can bring this about."

#### FOR NEW L ST. BATHS

Mr. Curley also proposes that the present public baths at L st., South Boston, be torn down and a new steel and concrete building erected there.

He paid a special tribute to the women of Boston, saying he was gratified to learn he had received approximately 70 per cent of their vote.

"Women will be an important factor in the new Boston," he said. "I want their help, and will find a place for the most brilliant and those most useful to Boston's development."

## Woman, 82, Is Loyal to 'Jim'

### A Real Supporter



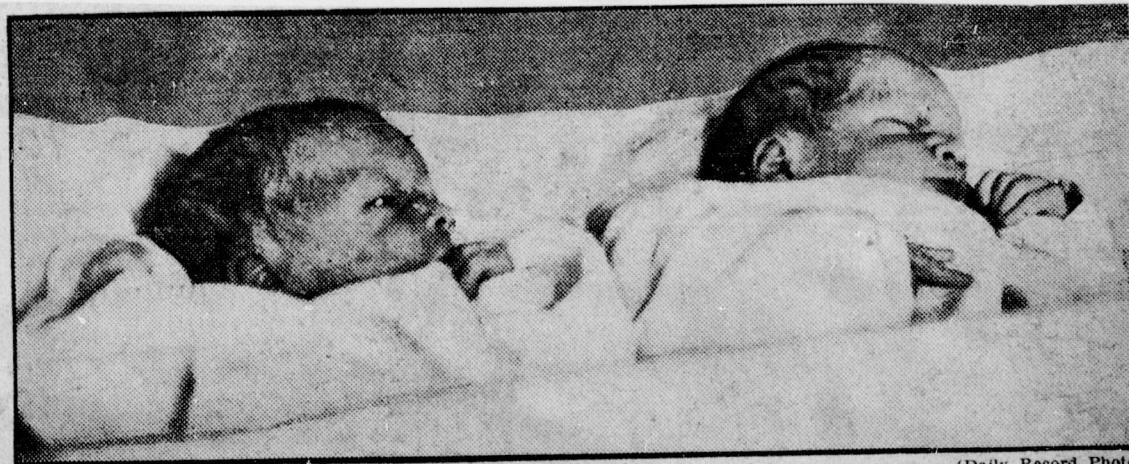
Mrs. James McLaughlin, 83, of Brooklyn, N. Y., whose legal residence is Boston, made the long trip to the Hub to cast her vote for Mayor-elect James M. Curley.

Loyalty to one of "my little Roxbury boys" was the reason for the long journey from Brooklyn, N. Y., by Mrs. James McLaughlin, 82-year-old grandmother, to a polling place in the South End to vote for James M. Curley for mayor.

Mrs. McLaughlin's oldest son went to the old Dearborn school in Roxbury with the present mayor-elect when they were youngsters and she watched them grow up together. A close friendship has always been cherished by Mr. Curley for Mrs. McLaughlin, and when in their last correspondence he announced his intention of running again for mayor she resolved to vote for him.

Although since leaving the South End where she has lived for 50 years, to go to Brooklyn to stay with relatives a few months ago, she is still registered in the South End, where she was second to cast her ballot after the polls had opened.

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(Daily Record Photo)

**Victory Twins!** James Michael Curley Bassiano, left, and his twin brother, Ralph, in their bassinette at City Hospital. James Michael, first victory baby to be born after ex-Mayor Curley's re-election, was proudly named for him. Proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bassiano, 379 Dudley st., Roxbury.

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## HAIL TO THE CHIEF!



# Mayoral Vote Recount Asked by Mansfield

Takes Action on "Many Reports from All Sections of Errors and Irregularities"

To Satisfy Voters

Papers Taken Out for Recount  
of Ballots in Each of  
22 Wards

By William F. Furbush

Rumblings of Tuesday's city election by which former Mayor James M. Curley was returned as the city's chief executive for another term of four years by a plurality of 19,517, continued today when Frederick W. Mansfield, Curley's leading opponent, took out papers for recount of the total vote. Attorney Francis J. Murray, representing Mansfield, appeared at the board of election commissioners about one o'clock this afternoon and took out sufficient paper for a recount in each of the twenty-two wards of the city. Fifty signatures of registered voters are required from each ward for a general recount. The time for filing the recount petition expires at five o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Meantime, the 216,000 odd ballots cast on Tuesday, reposing in vaults in the basement of City Hall Annex, are being guarded by representatives of both Curley and Mansfield. A representative of the Burns Detective Agency and a patrolman are on guard for Curley. John W. Hain of 10 Church street, Mansfield, arrived nine o'clock as the first of three guards to take eight-hour shifts in the interests of Mansfield.

The move for a recount comes as a surprise to political observers who recall Mansfield's telegram of Tuesday night to Curley as follows: "I congratulate you on your victory."

The following statement was issued from Mansfield's headquarters:

"Many reports have come to me from all sections of the city of errors and irregularities in counting, tabulating and totaling the votes cast for mayor at the election on Tuesday."

"I do not know of a ward where the precinct returns as published in the newspapers total the amount given at the foot of the column. The exact vot-

ought to be determined for the information and satisfaction of the voters."

"At the urgent request of many friends and supporters I shall ask for a recount of the total vote for mayor in each ward."

The recounting of ballots on various petitions is set for Tuesday and probably will be held in Faneuil Hall, in accord with past custom.

#### Recalls Curley-Murphy Fight

Only twice before have the mayoral ballots been recounted ward by ward. The most recent was that following the Curley-Murphy battle eight years ago, when Mr. Murphy, believing that fraud had been committed to prevent his election, asked for the canvass. Curley had been reported the victory by a plurality of 2698. The other two mayoral contestants were Charles S. O'Connor, who had received 10,818 votes, and Charles S. Baxter 4266.

The situation on the day following the election was similar to that of today. To provide against any contingency, as well as to satisfy public concern, the great ballot vault in the basement of City Hall Annex, was placed under extraordinary guard. Detectives from a private agency, employed by Mr. Curley, keep vigil hour after hour, and by their side sat a uniformed policeman from the near-by station, employed by the election department.

When the Curley detectives appeared at the hall following a request from the successful candidate, the election officials were surprised. Such procedure had been taken only once before. The commissioners had no objection then and they had no objection yesterday when the move was repeated. The recount then resulted in only slight change.

There was more or less humor in the situation in view of the fact that the vault is so secure from the outside world and so highly protected from prying eyes that to open it a Republican commissioner must manipulate one combination and a Democratic commissioner the other. Unless the two operations are performed harmoniously and skilfully the vaults remain closed.

#### Curley Issues Statement

Mayor-elect Curley, when he learned of the Mansfield move for a recount, immediately went to City Hall where he had a conference with Chairman Frank Seiberlich of the board of election commissioners. Following the conference he issued this statement:

"I do not consider Patrick H. O'Connor, a member of the board of election commissioners, as a Democrat in view of his position in the campaign or his stand before the Ballot Law Commission.

"I have instructed the Burns Detective Agency to represent men and to maintain a close surveillance of all the ballot boxes in the vaults. I also have instructed Frank Seiberlich, chairman of the Election Commissioners, not to allow Mr. O'Connor to go near the vaults alone. I have also given this instruction to the detectives on guard that Mr. O'Connor must be accompanied by another member of the election board when he goes near the vaults."

#### *Esthetics of an Election*

If a cablegram should come to the Hon. James Michael Curley from the Aldermanic Council of Tokio, Japan, congratulating him on his election, Bostonians would feel some surprise. Foreign cities have seldom expressed interest in the outcome of American city elections. But the city fathers of Paris, France, have set a precedent by the following cablegram forwarded, through their president, Monsieur d'Andigne, to Mayor Walker of New York:

In the name of the Paris Municipal Council, which had the honor of receiving you at the Hotel de Ville, I send you sincere and affectionate felicitations on your beautiful re-election.

Here, some may say, there is revealed a peculiarly subtle Parisian sense of the aesthetic charm of a day of public balloting in the world's largest city. One gains, through the eyes of President d'Andigne, a glimpse of the populace of New York moving to the polls as though in great processions of pageantry, with the tigers of Tammany prancing on before and with the line of march interspersed by innumerable corps de ballet tripping the light fantastic—East Side, West Side, all around the town. Arrived at the precinct booths, they do not punch the buttons and pull the levers of the new-fangled voting machines installed throughout Manhattan, but lay offerings upon votive pediments, one labelled Walker, the second La Guardia and the third Thomas. Some bring roses, others sprigs of laurel, and still others rare odontoglossums, the victory being accorded, when all the singing and dancing are done, to him whose pediment bears the highest floral pile.

That, we feel, would constitute a truly beautiful re-election. But scholars will insist upon knowing their sources. The United Press, which reports the sending of the cablegram by the Paris Municipal Council, does not give any definite information whether the text, as originally sent, was in English, or whether the English text here published is merely a somewhat faulty translation of a French original. If the first text was in French, then one must remember that the adjective "beau" or "belle" may mean only an expression of approval which a conservative American would translate as good or fine, and which the slangsters of our day would convey by saying "we congratulate you on your swell cleanup." But at that, we feel confident that to Mayor Walker himself, it does seem a beautiful re-election.

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## To Award Curley Auto on Official Figures

A claimant to the Ford automobile to be given the winner of the Curley plurality estimating contest, has already appeared—but may not be the lucky voter.

Early today a man telephoned to the Boston Evening American, saying that he had noticed Curley's margin over Mansfield was given in newspapers as 19,517.

"Send me the automobile," he said.

In the next breath, the man told how he had estimated the Curley victory to be at 19,500.

"I guess that makes me within 17 votes and surely the closest," he urged.

The staff member explained to this individual that his guess may prove somewhat farther off from the prized car than may first appear.

This automobile is to be awarded to the man or woman who estimated closest to the official plurality of Curley. This means that the newspaper totals of 19,517 cannot be accepted as final, but that the official counting of the election commissioners must be awaited.

As newspapers and press associations occasionally make errors of varying degrees in the hasty election night reports, the Curley figure may be a few hundred above, or a few hundred below the announced total.

Then, too, the figure may be fairly close to that given out by the Boston papers. All of which proves that thousands of people who filed estimates on the 50,000 slips in the big Curley ballot box may be close to the Ford award.

The Curley ballot committee re-

quested the Boston Evening American to take charge of the awarding of the Ford, to insure absolute impartiality.

As soon as the official count is known in two or three days, the newspaper and its special committee of prominent Curley supporters will begin their task. Further details of the awarding of the Ford will be published in this newspaper during the next few days.

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## MANSFIELD'S DEFEAT LAID TO AIDES BY INNES

Attacks of a personal nature made against Mayor-Elect James M. Curley by the persons in charge of the Mansfield mayoralty campaign were blamed by Charles H. Innes, Republican leader, for the crushing defeat sustained by the Mansfield forces, in a statement issued last night.

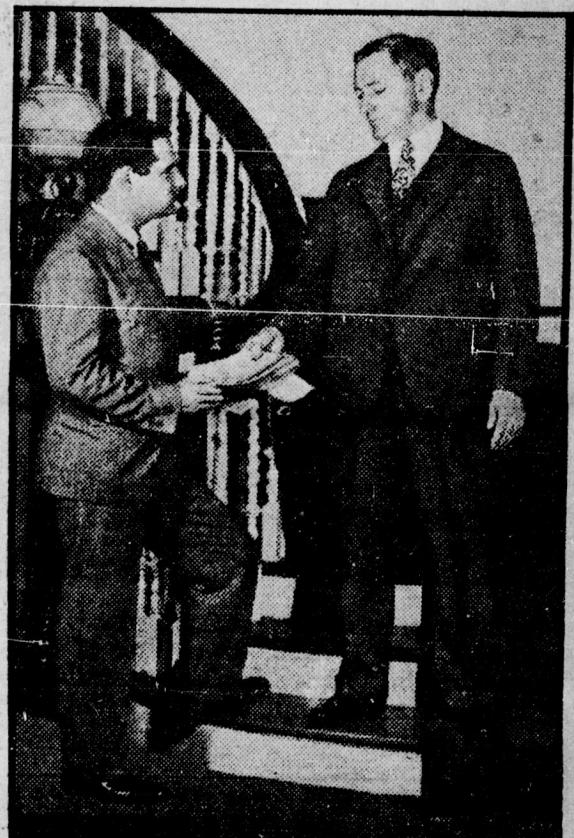
"Publicly, I was neutral in the mayoralty contest," Innes said. "I took no part in the campaign, following the suggestion of Mayor Nichols. I personally voted for Mr. Mansfield. That he was defeated was due to the unspeakable attacks of a personal nature made upon Mr. Curley by persons in charge of Mr. Mansfield's campaign."

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## After the Smoke of Battle Had Cleared



Congratulatory  
telegrams  
poured in on  
Mayor-Elect  
James Michael  
Curley  
yesterday.  
He is shown in  
photo receiv-  
ing a stack  
of messages  
from his son,  
James when  
he arose yes-  
day morning.



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# CURLEY TO TAKE SHORT VACATION

## Will Start Organization Work in Fortnight---Outlines Big Plans for Boston's Future

Mayor-elect Curley will plunge into business of organizing his third administration at City Hall within a couple of weeks, following a short vacation probably at Atlantic City with Mrs. Curley.

Her illness caused him more worry during the strenuous campaign than all the attacks and promises of defeat directed at him, according to his intimate friends, and placed him under tremendous pressure in his efforts to carry out his planned "good will" campaign.

### TO LOOK OVER BUDGETS

Yesterday, as he received thousands of messages of congratulation on his election, the Mayor-elect expressed joy

that it was all over, so that he could once again be at home with his family.

At the invitation of Mayor Nichols, he will return to City Hall to look over the budgets which the city department heads have drawn up, outlining the proposed expenditures for next year. This is the same courtesy which he extended to Mr. Nichols four years ago.

Upon his inauguration on the first Monday of January, the Mayor-elect will have a two-thirds majority of Democratic members in the City Council. In the legislative branch of the city government, there will be 15 Democrats, six Republicans and Councillor-elect Clement A. Norton of Hyde Park, who is enrolled in neither party. And, at the head of the Finance Commission, there will be Chairman Frank A. Goodwin, former Registrar of Motor Vehicles, who has announced a programme of co-operation with city officials, rather than the former policy of alleged suspicion.



(Daily Record Photo)

### Jim Curley

is the baby buffalo's name and he's proud of it. He is three days old and was christened at the Boston Garden

While the Schoolhouse Commission at City Hall will be abolished at the demand of the voters, who passed the referendum on Tuesday by a margin of 2 to 1, the Mayor will appoint one of the three new commissioners of school buildings, the school committee will name the other, and the two nominees will select the third.

A recount of the school committee vote was requested yesterday by Dr. Charles E. Mackey of South Boston, who lost a place by only 665 votes, according to the initial tabulation. He has asked that the Election Commissioners recount the reported 45,005 votes received by the second place winner, William A. Reilly of Jamaica Plain; his own 44,340, and the 42,657 rolled up by James A. "Jerry" Watson, former president of the City Council, who finished fourth. As Mrs. Elizabeth West Pigeon of East Boston captured one of the two vacant seats by a margin of 26,000 votes, no checkup will be sought in her case.

### Must Obtain 50 Signatures

Councillor Thomas W. McMahon of Dorchester, who lost his seat in the Council by only 53 votes to Councillor-elect Francis E. Kelly of Ward 15, has applied for a recount of the vote here.

The third recount application filed so far was made by Joseph F. Hartigan of Roxbury, who trailed Representative Richard D. Gleason of Ward 9 by 120 votes, in the battle to succeed Councillor Michael J. Ward, who has been elevated to the State Senate.

Assured of the co-operation of the City Council, the Mayor-elect plans to develop in detail his programme of city expansion, which he outlined to the Real Estate Exchange and other commercial groups during the campaign.

His plans do not end with his administration of four years, but provide for the needs of the growing city during the next generation, for the purpose of making Boston the premier municipality in the nation.

### Wants Big Planning Board

To assist him in drawing up the plans, Mr. Curley proposes to enlarge the city planning board from a small body of nine to a membership of about 150, including the representatives of the leading industrial and commercial organizations, drafting from the big colleges, universities and technical institutions their best experts.

"I shall set before these men and women," he said, "the task of recreating a Boston which shall be for the future; I want them to form contacts with international business enterprises, and bring these enterprises to Boston."

For the purpose of making the city an attractive centre for world industry, the Mayor-elect proposes to fill in the 3600 acres of flats between East Boston and Governor's Island, extending the airport to form the largest in the world and providing space for a union railroad terminal on the harbor front.

### For Rail Electrification

There would be sufficient space at this point for great national business enterprises to erect huge assembling plants, with facilities for airplane landings on their roofs. "In this way, raw materials could be brought to the plants by air, land and sea, and the freight problems greatly facilitated," he said.

Electrification of the railroads entering the city was also pictured by the Mayor-elect as the best plan of meeting the demand for rapid transit facilities.

The construction of a strandway along the harbor front in the Bayswater section of East Boston will be authorized during his administration, he said, as well as the erection of the country's largest solarium, where the mothers and children of East Boston may enjoy the benefits of the sun's rays throughout the year in this recreation centre, which will be enclosed with special glass.

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# PAPERS ISSUED FOR ALL WARDS

## Each Must Bear 50 Signatures By 5 P M Tomorrow

Frederick W. Mansfield, defeated candidate for Mayor, who ran more than 19,000 votes behind Mayor-Elect James M. Curley, has asked for a recount of the votes. Represented by attorney Francis J. Murray, who appeared at the office of the Election Commission early this afternoon, application was made for recount petition papers for every ward of the city.

Attorney Murray received 22 papers, on each of which must be secured the names of 50 voters in each ward. The last moment for filing of the papers is 5 o'clock tomorrow evening.

If the recount is ordered it will probably begin Tuesday morning in Faneuil Hall.

With attorney Murray came John W. Haynes of Mansfield, who was said to be Frederick W. Mansfield's representative to guard the vault in the office of the Election Commission, where the ballots are stored. A police officer is already guarding the ballots and a private detective in the employ of James M. Curley.

Three men are now standing at the vault, to prevent tampering with ballots.

It was pointed out that the cost of recounting the vote for the Mayoralty will not be great, since a city-wide recount is practically assured in the case of Dr Charles E. Mackey, who was nosed out for a School Committee position by William A. Reilly. Dr Mackay's papers are expected to be filed within 24 hours.

Mr Mansfield's statement is as follows:

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"The exact vote ought to be determined for the information and satisfaction of the voters. At the urgent request of many friends and supporters, I shall ask for a recount of the total vote for Mayor in each ward."

### STEPS TAKEN BY CURLEY TO GUARD BALLOT BOXES

Mayor-Elect Curley visited the Election Department at City Hall Annex this afternoon and had a brief talk with Frank Seiberlich, chairman of the Board of the Election Commissioners, relative to the guarding of the vaults in the annex containing the election ballots. Later, in a talk to newspapermen, Mr Curley said:

"I do not consider Mr Patrick H. O'Connor, of the Election Commissioners, a Democrat, in view of his

position in the campaign on his stand before the Ballot Law Commission. I have instructed Burns Detective Agency, who represent me, to maintain a close surveillance of all the ballot boxes in the vaults.

"I have also instructed Chairman Seiberlich and my detective on guard not to allow Mr O'Connor near the vaults alone. He must be accompanied by some other member of the Election Board."

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## CURLEY POSTS DETECTIVE AT BALLOT VAULT

### Mayor-Elect Not to Quit City—Mansfield Asks Recount

Mayor-elect James M. Curley visited the election department in City Hall annex today at 2:20 and requested Chairman Frank Seiberlich to conduct him to the vault where the ballots cast in the election last Tuesday are kept. He declared that he wished to give instructions to a Burns detective, who is on watch for him there.

#### NOT TO REST

Seiberlich conducted Curley to the vault, where the mayor-elect told the chairman that he did not consider O'Connor, one of the election commissioners, a Democrat in view of his position in the campaign and his part in the hearings before the ballot law commission.

"I want to instruct the Burns man representing me here to maintain a close surveillance," he said to Seiberlich. Curley informed reporters afterward that he did not expect to go away for a rest. He instructed the detective representing him in the vault not to permit Election Commissioner Patrick H. O'Connor to come near the vault with any Republican official unless the detective is present.

Atty. Francis J. Murray, representing Frederick W. Mansfield, today applied at the office of the election commissioners for blank petitions for a recount of the vote for mayor in all the wards of the city. The blanks were given by Chairman Frank Seiberlich. Under the law 50 voters must sign a petition for recount in each ward where one is asked. In this case Mansfield representatives have until 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon to secure the necessary 1100. As Curley's plurality was approximately 20,000, the Mansfield request is not regarded seriously.

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# Curley Outlines Elaborate Plans for City Development

By HAROLD KENNEY

An elaborate program of constructive enterprise, the first step of which will be the creation of an enlarged city planning board consisting of 350 members, who will represent the leading interests of the community and who will attempt to anticipate the requirements of the city for the next half-century, was disclosed to The Herald yesterday by Mayor-elect James M. Curley at his home in Jamaica way.

The planning board, Mr. Curley said, will represent the leading industrial, commercial, financial, labor and educational organizations in the city. The former mayor considers the establishment of this board as the most important work of his coming administration. He said that it is his purpose to invite representatives of all of the leading universities, including the Harvard school of business administration and Babson Institute, to become members of the board.

## IMPORTANT PROJECTS

Among the important projects which Mr. Curley will suggest that the planning board work for are:

1. In the event of a consolidation of the New England railroads insistence be made upon the electrification of these railroads within the metropolitan area.

2. The creation of a Greater Boston and the electrification of the railroads within the metropolitan area, which would make possible the establishment of a belt line railroad terminal whereby direct connections could be established between the railroad lines entering Boston and the steamship docks.

3. The extension of the Boston airport to Governors island by means of filled-in land in the harbor. This area could serve as a location for industries engaged in international business and the former mayor believes that a great structure could be erected upon this reclaimed area which could be used for the manufacture and fabrication of products. He points out that there would be three means of transportation, by rail through the means of tracks running down the centre of the area, by water through the construction of a 40-foot channel and by plane either from the

roof of huge structures or by hydro-airplanes.

4. An immediate study of rapid transit needs and action for the relief of congestion at Governor square.

5. The widening of Summer street and L street from the army base to the Strandway in South Boston. The completion of the Strandway and the Columbus park improvements.

6.—The smooth paving and establishment of a white way lighting system on Bunker Hill and Main streets in Charlestown, where 169 persons have been killed and injured during the last two years.

7.—The location of a health unit in the vicinity of Madison park, South end.

8.—Following out of his program inaugurated during previous administrations of a seat for every child in a permanent school building.

9.—The extension of library facilities making Boston the best equipped in that respect of any city in the country.

## TELLS OF PLANS

Taking up the various projects which he will attempt to carry out when he assumes the office of mayor next January, Mr. Curley said:

The most important work during my administration will be the establishment of an enlarged city planning board. I propose to increase the board to 350 members, representing the leading industrial, commercial, financial, labor and educational organizations in the community.

I propose to invite representatives of all of the leading industries, including the Harvard school of business administration and the Babson Institute to serve as members. When the board is created it will be invited to work on the development of a program in anticipation of the requirements of the next 50 years. It will delve into all activities of the city and more particularly the ways and means of promoting industry and commerce here.

It should be possible, through the instrumentality of this great organization, in the event of a consolidation of the New England railroads, to insist upon an electrification of the railroads within the metropolitan area and create a Greater Boston. A Greater Boston with electrification within the metropolitan area should make possible the establishment of a belt line railroad terminal whereby direct connections could be established between the railroad lines entering Boston and the steamship docks.

## TO EXPAND AIRPORT

The establishment of a belt line terminal would make possible, through the savings effected, competition by the city of Boston with other sections of the country.

Immediate steps should be taken on a major scale for the extension of the Boston airport to Governors

island and to create a fill by pumping from the harbor bed alongside, making available for air transportation a great area extending into the harbor which should serve as an admirable location for industries engaged in international business such as the International Harvester Company, motor vehicle concerns and others.

In my opinion the proper inducements can be presented which will induce many concerns to locate on this reclaimed area. A great structure could be erected upon this area for the manufacture and fabrication of products. With railroad tracks running down the centre, a 40-foot channel alongside they could receive raw materials at the back door and present the finished product at the front door. Such goods as required speed and delivery could be shipped from the roof by air or in hydroplanes or by other means of air transportation.

The policy of planning public improvements upon a major scale has achieved notable success in Chicago and New York, and not only does it represent a great saving to the people, but it substitutes the application of sound common sense for the haphazard, day-to-day method too long in vogue and destructive and expensive in character.

## FOR TRAFFIC RELIEF

I favor an immediate study of the rapid transit needs and action for the relief of the congestion at Governor square. I shall advocate plans for the improvement of Governor square and the relief of traffic which would benefit persons living in the Brighton-Allston district. I prepared a plan of relief in 1925 and any longer delay is not only indefensible but absolutely inexcusable.

The widening of Summer street and L street from the Army base to the Strandway and the completion of the Strandway and Columbus park improvements are absolutely necessary for the relief of traffic congestion in the heart of the city and the recreation of people who, through the completion of the Strandway, are permitted to enjoy the health-giving advantages of this ocean park.

The widening of Summer street and the extension of the Strandway will afford easy access for traffic going either north or south from the city and minimize the danger that now exists.

The smooth paving and the construction of a White Way lighting system on Bunker Hill and Main streets in Charlestown will also be recommended. In a little more than two years 169 persons have been killed and injured on these streets and this improvement should be undertaken at once for the relief of traffic and the protection of human life.

## NEW HEALTH UNIT

I will favor the location of a health unit in the vicinity of Madison park, if the law permits, or if it is necessary I will try and secure legislation for this purpose. The protection and safety of him who lives in a mansion is only secured just so long as the health of the most humble citizen in the community is considered.

I have always favored a seat for every child in a permanent school building and during my administration 17,000 such seats were provided. No portable schoolhouses

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were obstructed by me. The time has arrived for a continuance of that policy inaugurated by me in previous administrations and which, if adhered to, would have resulted in the abolition of portables and higher quarters for educational purposes.

#### LIBRARY PROGRAM

I favor a definite program for the extension of library facilities and I shall recommend in January an appropriation of \$200,000 for the erection of two branch libraries located wherever the library trustees think they are needed. I will continue to favor such a policy during my term as mayor and trust that my successors will continue this policy once it has been established.

Through this means it will be

#### **Coakley Paper Signers Deserted Him at Polls.**

An interesting feature of the election was the fact that Daniel H. Coakley, Brighton candidate for mayor who furnished the verbal fireworks during the three-cornered contest, only received 2868 votes, although 3300 names were certified as having signed his nomination papers.

possible in the next 20 years, without burdening any generation, to make available the best library facilities in Boston of any city in the country.

The former mayor spent the entire day at his home yesterday, receiving friends and congratulations, flowers and innumerable telephone messages from well-wishers. Mrs. Curley, on whom the campaign was a considerable strain because of her ill-health, was also resting up after the strenuous efforts of campaign days and her decision to go out and vote for her husband. The wife of the mayor-elect received numerous floral tributes and donated most of them to churches and hospitals.

Mr. Curley said that his plans preceding his inauguration have not been formed although he will endeavor to obtain some rest. Whether or not he will go away for a vacation depends entirely upon Mrs. Curley's health.

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# **Curley to Have Big Party Majority in City Council**

Democrats Capture 15 Seats to 6 Republicans  
And One Not Listed—Several Recounts Asked  
On Ward Fights and School Committee

By CHARLES A. COYLE

Mayor-elect James M. Curley will, when he takes office Jan. 6, find a Democratic majority in the city council, with 15 members regularly listed Democrats, six members listed as regular Republicans and one, Clement A. Norton of ward 18, Hyde Park, who defeated Councilman Peter J. Murphy, not listed with either party in the books of election commissioners.

Of the six Republicans, two are newcomers in city politics. James Hein of ward 21 who defeated Councilman Frederic E. Dowling in one of the most surprising upsets of the election has always been aligned with the Republicans of the city and Laurence Curtis, 2d, who won Senator Henry Parkman's seat in ward 5 of the Back Bay, has likewise been identified with the Republicans although not actively.

#### TO KEEP PARTY STATUS

Of the four remaining Republicans, Councilman Seth F. Arnold of ward 4 and Councilman Israel Ruby of ward 14 may be counted upon to keep their Republican status in the council at all costs, while Councilman Herman L. Bush of ward 12 and Councilman Robert G. Wilson, Jr., of ward 17 have always asserted their independence and have not been in the past two years strictly administration men.

Clement A. Norton, superintendent of Commonwealth pier, is a newcomer in city politics and his friends predict that his election is merely a stepping stone to higher offices. He is very well known throughout the city and is expected to maintain an independence like Wilson and Bush. He defeated Murphy who two years ago was practically elected by Frank J. Donahue, chairman of the Democratic state committee and who was expected to be an easy winner in the election Tuesday.

On the night before election Donahue sent out a vigorous circular against Norton, claiming that the latter had tried to defeat Alfred E. Smith in the last presidential campaign.

#### TELEGRAM FROM AL SMITH

Norton immediately got former Gov. Smith on the telephone at New York and within a short period had a telegram from him thanking Norton for his efforts in the last presidential campaign and claiming that the facts had not been made clear to him.

More than 500 workers at the Norton headquarters canvassed the entire ward on the night before election and left a copy of the Smith telegram at each home. Norton accomplished the apparently impossible by licking Donahue and his organization in the latter's own home ward.

Councilman Thomas W. McMahon of ward 15, whose City Hospital investigation last summer gained him a great amount of publicity and who was defeated for re-election by Francis E. Kelly by 53 votes, yesterday petitioned the board of election commissioners for a recount in his fight. Kelly, another newcomer in city politics is an enrolled Democrat.

Joseph McGrath of ward 13, Dorchester, was returned to the city council after a two years wait over the present incumbent, Frank B. Sullivan, who defeated McGrath two years ago when the latter was up for re-election. McGrath has always been a Curley supporter and will no doubt be one of the Curley leaders in the new council.

The saddest blow the Republican machine suffered was the defeat of Councilman Charles G. Keene in the strong Republican district, West Roxbury in ward 20, that gave Mansfield such a flattering vote. Keene's defeat was by a wide margin and by an absolute newcomer in politics in the ward, Joseph P. Cox, enrolled Democrat.

In fairness to the present councilman, however, beaten as he was by more than 1000 votes, it must be remembered that a namesake, Roy S. Keene, held first place on the ballot and polled 1654 votes. The similarity of names and the fact that Roy S. Keene held first place on the ballot is advanced by Councilman Keene's friends as the principal cause in his defeat.

Councilman Dowling's surprising defeat in ward 21 where he has held political sway with Representative Martin Hays for years, was caused by overconfidence, his friends say. Hein, the newcomer, had an excellent organization in the field working for him while Dowling failed to do his usual amount of campaigning. Hein is a well-known Brighton business man and runs a large garage in the district.

#### SCHOOL BOARD FIGHT

The school committee race which resulted in the expected election of Mrs. Elizabeth W. Pigeon of East Boston, provided the city with a pretty race between William A. Reilly, candidate of the Public School Association, and Dr. Charles E. Mackey of South Boston.

Early returns Tuesday night had Mackey looking like a certain winner with Mrs. Pigeon, but belated returns from late precincts gave Reilly the necessary number of votes to emerge a victor.

Accompanied by Congressman John W. McCormack of South Boston, Dr. Mackey yesterday petitioned the election commissioners for a city-wide recount to include Reilly, Watson and himself. Reilly's margin over Mackey was 665 votes and his margin over "Jerry" Watson was 2348.

The exact number of votes polled at Tuesday's election, not counting the blanks, as made public by the board of election commissioners last night was 216,277 which represents about 77½ per cent. of the total registration.

At a regular meeting of the election commissioners it was voted to start the recounts next Tuesday in the order the petitions were made. The period during which recounts may be petitioned for closes at 5 P. M. tomorrow.

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## MR. CURLEY'S PLANS

In his after-election statement, the Mayor-to-be announced his intention to create an enlarged city planning board of 350 members which should plan public improvements "upon a major scale" after the system which has "achieved notable success in Chicago and New York." What has been done in those cities, and why does the Mayor-elect cite them as illustrative of methods that ought to be adopted here?

City planners declare that Chicago has been in the forefront in this country in the making of such plans and in their execution, having cheerfully expended huge sums to make the dreams of the planners real. What amounts to a regional planning association has been in existence there for more than twenty years. The technical staff engaged in the preparation of the Plan of Chicago was headed by the late Daniel Hudson Burnham, and that famous expert served without remuneration. The text of the report was prepared by Charles Moore, who later became chairman of the Commission of Fine Arts at Washington. The Plan having been prepared, it was adopted by the City Council and a Commission of 328 members was created, with an executive committee of 26 members, charged with the duty of recommending to the city authorities those features of the Plan to be carried out from time to time. Every visitor to Chicago is impressed by the results of this enterprise.

The story of the New York Plan is somewhat similar. The initiatory efforts for comprehensive planning were made as far back as 1903, when Mayor McClellan was in office. It was in 1921, however, that the Russell Sage Foundation took the first definite action to aid in the work. Now after seven years of arduous labor, under the supervision of a Regional Council of about 150 members, and with the assistance of a large corps of experts, a Plan has been prepared covering every phase of the life of a vast metropolitan area and looking far forward into the future. The area is 5528 square miles in three States, containing about 400 municipalities. Highway traffic, parks and parkways, ports and industries, transportation, sanitation, architecture, social conditions, schools, all the agencies of city and suburb, have their place in the vast and all-comprehensive scheme which has resulted from these seven years of toil. The press a few months ago contained full-page articles descriptive of the plans thus prepared.

The Mayor-elect did not mention Philadelphia, but there also a great enterprise of this sort is under way. It has been inaugurated within a year, based partly on the experience of other cities. Philadelphia itself as a city is not officially organized in connection with the planning work there. The movement started outside the city limits and the project now covers 3500 square miles with more than 300 different communities. The problems of the region and of the city are inter-related of course, and at the boundary line of Philadelphia proper adjustments have to be made; in that way unification of planning is expected.

The experience of all these cities is that a large group, while seemingly unwieldy, gives prestige to such a movement and promotes public interest therein. The actual labor will usually be done by an inner executive body of some sort. The fundamental practical idea is that any city which proposes to grow and to promote its own improvement will have to spend money on its future in any event, whether

a scheme is adopted or not. If a plan is accepted, the money will not be used in a hit-or-miss manner.

It is a bold, comprehensive idea which the Mayor-elect has outlined, and we think that he will have the hearty support of all elements of the city and of Greater Boston in working it out.

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## EFFORT TO NULLIFY ELECTION RUMORED

**Coakley Silent on Report  
That He May Protest It**

**Law Cited to Show Curley's Fund  
Limited—Mansfield Asks Recount**

Rumors that Daniel H. Coakley, defeated candidate for Mayor, would attempt to have the election of James M. Curley as Mayor of Boston declared null and void on the ground of violation of the Corrupt Practices Act, were current in political circles last evening.

Reached at his home in Brighton, by telephone, and asked if he had communicated with the District Attorney or Attorney General on this matter, Mr. Coakley answered: "To your specific questions, the answer is no."

Asked if he had taken any action along similar lines, or looking to a similar result, he declared he had no statement to make. Asked if he intended to do anything, his answer was the same.

### Claims Fund Limited

Attorney James J. Irwin of Everett, an expert on the Corrupt Practices Act, declared that if Mr. Curley expended an amount in excess of \$40 for each thousand voters who cast ballots at the last previous election for Mayor, the election may be declared void.

Mr. Irwin declared that the Corrupt Practices Act is commonly violated, but that its penalties are clear. He said no individual or group of individuals had a right to spend money for Curley without organizing into a political committee, and registering with the city clerk. Such expenditures are considered to be those of the candidate, he said.

Persons who expended money, without making it a direct contribution to Curley, for him to spend, or without registering as a political committee, are liable to fines of \$1000 and sentences of one year in jail, Mr. Irwin said.

According to Mr. Irwin's theory, since there are fewer than 300,000 voters in Boston, Mr. Curley would have been limited to a sum less than \$12,000.

Mr. Curley said last evening that he had no comment to make.

### Mansfield Asks Recount

Locked in a vault in the Election Commissioners' office, guarded by the jealous eyes of three watchers, the votes cast by the citizens of Boston in

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Tuesday's election are being held until action is taken on the requests for a recount made by Frederick W. Mansfield, defeated candidate for Mayor, and Dr Charles E. Mackey, defeated candidate for School Committee.

Guarding the ballots are a police officer, a private detective in the employ of Mayor-elect James M. Curley, and John W. Haynes of Mansfield, said to be a representative of Frederick W. Mansfield.

### Attorney Gets Papers

Mansfield, through his attorney, Francis J. Murray, who appeared at the office of the election commissioner yesterday afternoon, made application for recount petition papers for every ward in the city. Mansfield ran more than 19,000 votes behind Curley.

Attorney Murray received 22 papers, on each of which must be secured the names of 50 voters in each ward. The last moment for filing of the papers is 5 o'clock this evening. If the recount is ordered it will probably begin Tuesday morning in Faneuil Hall.

It was pointed out that the cost of recounting the vote for the Mayoralty will not be great, since a city-wide recount is practically assured in the case of Dr Mackey, who was nosed out for a School Committee position by William A. Reilly. Dr Mackey's papers are expected to be filed early today.

### Curley Raps O'Connor

Mayor-elect Curley visited the Election Department yesterday afternoon and had a brief talk with Frank Seiberlich, chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners, relative to the guarding of the vault containing the ballots.

Later, in a talk to newspapermen, Mr Curley said: "I do not consider Mr Patrick H. O'Connor of the Election Commissioners a Democrat, in view of his position in the campaign on his stand before the Ballot Law Commission. I have instructed Burns Detective Agency, who represent me, to maintain a close surveillance of all the ballot boxes in the vaults."

"I have also instructed Chairman Seiberlich and my detective on guard not to allow Mr O'Connor near the vaults alone. He must be accompanied by some other member of the Election Board."

Mr Mansfield's statement follows: "Many reports have come to me from all sections of the city of errors and irregularities in counting, tabulating and totaling the votes cast for Mayor at the election Tuesday. I do not know of a ward where the precinct returns as published in the newspapers total the amount given at the foot of the column.

"The exact vote ought to be determined for the information and satisfaction of the voters. At the urgent request of many friends and supporters, I shall ask for a recount of the total vote for Mayor in each ward."

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### The Mayor-elect's Planning Board

**M**AJOR-ELECT CURLEY announces that he will appoint a city planning board of 350 members who will anticipate the requirements of the city during the coming fifty years. The membership of the board will consist of financiers, business men, labor experts, educators and representatives of other branches of urban activities. He plans to enlist the advice of college professors, the Harvard business school, the Babson Institute and other sources of valuable information.

Mayor-elect Curley then outlines specific improvements. He would electrify railroads within Metropolitan Boston. He hopes to extend the airport to Governor's Island. He sees the need of a rapid-transit survey. He would widen Summer street to the Strandway, and make other important street improvements. He does not overlook the mind; he wishes to broaden the effectiveness of the library system. And he is still active in promoting good health.

The plan shows that Mr. Curley has given serious thought to the job before him. We approve of his plan to make use of the best brains of the community. We have our doubts as to the effectiveness of such a big committee, in fact of any committee. Committees function listlessly for a while and then pass the work over to a few paid employes, or a few unpaid enthusiasts.

It might be better for the next mayor to have an unofficial cabinet easily assembled and more effective because of its fewer numbers. However, we are not certain that the committee of 350 will be cumbersome. It is worth trying.

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### Three Represent Mansfield and Two Curley —Police Also on Duty—Action Follows Request for a Recount

Five private detectives and several policemen are guarding the huge vault in the City Hall annex where the ballots cast in last Tuesday's election repose.

This condition is brought about as a result of the petition of Frederick W. Mansfield, one of the defeated candidates for mayor, that a recount of the vote for mayor in every ward of the city be made.

#### LARGEST ON RECORD

The guard over the ballots represents the largest that has been so employed in the history of the city. Three detectives are guarding the interests of Mansfield and two are on watch for Curley. The policemen are a result of a request by Chairman Frank Seiberlich of the elections board.

When the vigil ends on Tuesday there will be an especially strong guard while the ballots are being transferred to Faneuil Hall, where the recounting will take place. Besides the recount for mayor, there will be recounts for city councilmen and for school committee in certain districts.

Mayor-elect Curley has postponed his after election vacation indefinitely in

order that he may be on hand when the recount of the vote is carried out.

He has received hundreds of messages of congratulation, among them a cablegram from Dublin, Ireland, sent by Joseph H. O'Neil chairman of the board of directors of the Federal National Bank, who is touring Europe. Other messages were received from George H. Curry, head of Tammany Hall, New York; former Gov. Eugene Foss, James M. Curley of New York; President John H. Heyler of the National League; James J. Phelan, and Joseph P. Manning, chairman of the City Hospital trustees.

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# MANSFIELD ASKS RECOUNT IN CITY

Bases Petition on Reports  
Of Many Irregularities  
In Voting

## DETECTIVES GUARD BALLOTS IN VAULT

Following reports of irregularities in voting from many parts of the city, Frederick W. Mansfield, defeated candidate for mayor, yesterday petitioned for a recount. Because the plurality for James M. Curley was 19,517, the Mansfield move came as a surprise to close followers of politics in Boston.

Mr. Mansfield said:

Many reports have come to me from all sections of the city of errors and irregularities in counting, tabulating and totalling the votes for mayor at the Tuesday election.

I do not know of a ward where the precinct returns as published in the newspapers total the amount given at the foot of the columns.

The exact vote ought to be determined for the information and satisfaction of the voters.

At the urgent request of many friends and supporters I ask for a recount of the total vote for mayor in each ward.

### ERRORS REPORTED

After the announcement of the recount, the Mansfield headquarters received many reports by telephone of alleged instances of irregularities at the polls Tuesday. In at least one instance it was charged that a man who died last week was among the "voters."

Both Mansfield and Curley placed detectives outside the vaults containing the ballots in the basement of City Hall for the city-wide recount.

Five city council candidates have taken out papers for recounts as follows: Ward 2, James J. Mellen; ward 7, Maurice E. Foley; Ward 8, Representative Anthony A. McNulty; ward 9, Joseph F. Hartigan, and Ward 15, Thomas W. McMahon.

### CURLEY TO AWAIT COUNT

Mayor-elect Curley has decided, in the face of the impending recount which begins next Tuesday to defer his vacation to a later date and will remain in Boston until the matter is finished by the board of election commissioners.

It has been reported that he would go away for a few weeks because of the tremendous strain he was under because of the campaign and his great worry over the health of Mrs. Curley, which caused him to postpone a number of engagements made after the closing of the rallies at night.

Who will represent him at the recount has not been announced as yet, but Atty. Francis A. Murray will represent the Mansfield interests at the recount tables next Tuesday, probably

in Faneuil Hall, as the Smith-Hoover recount was held there last fall.

Attorney Murray received 22 papers, on each of which must be secured the names of 50 voters in each ward. The last moment for filing of the papers is 5 o'clock this evening.

The petitions necessary for a recount were circulated throughout every ward in the city last night. Before midnight those in 11 wards were returned duly

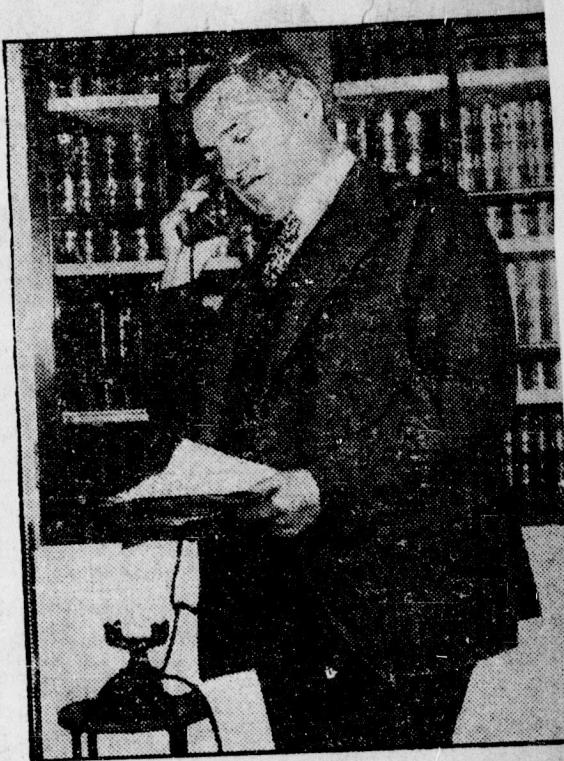
sworn to with the 50 required signatures to the Mansfield headquarters. The papers in the remaining wards are expected this morning.

It was pointed out that the cost of recounting the vote for the Mayoralty will not be great, since a city-wide recount is practically assured in the case of Dr. Mackey, who was nosed out for a school committee position by Reilly. Dr. Mackey's papers are expected to be filed today.

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## Real Vision

Very busy line. Mayor-elect James M. Curley, whose after-election announcement of his broad administration plans is attracting widespread attention, is shown here receiving congratulations over the telephone on his victory at the Boston polls.



Far-reaching in its scope, splendid in vision, is the program for the expansion and improvement of Boston which Mayor-elect James M. Curley announces as his executive intention.

The first comprehensive recital of this program was presented by Mr. Curley through the DAILY RECORD the day after election.

Mr. Curley's ideas for airport development, for a large and thoroughly representative city planning board, for transportation improvements and for other community advantages are all ambitious, but are thoroughly sound.

Particularly appealing to the taxpayer and to the true citizen is Mr. Curley's declaration for a city government that is "business minded" and not operated for "political expediency."

In line with this idea of a non-political administration, as outlined by the mayor-elect, is the call for a planning board of 350 members, drafted from business organizations, the professions, colleges, churches and other helpful sources.

The attention of feminine Boston is called to a shrewd paragraph in Mr. Curley's pronouncement: "Women will be an important factor in the new Boston. I want their help and will find a place for the most brilliant and those most useful to Boston's development."

With his official experience and matured judgment back of him, and his fine program ahead of him, our mayor-elect registers effectively.

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# 5 SLEUTHS GUARD VOTE

Three for Mansfield, Two for Curley Watch  
Door of Vault in Which City Election  
Ballots Are Stored



GUARDING ELECTION BALLOT VAULT AT CITY HALL

Safe Doubly Locked—  
Takes Two Men to  
Open It

EACH KNOWS BUT ONE  
OF TWO COMBINATIONS

Police Also Watch—  
Recount Starts on  
Tuesday

The strongest ballot-box guard in the history of the city, consisting of five private detectives, and several armed policemen, is at present on duty outside of the huge vault in the basement of City Hall Annex, as a result of Frederick W. Mansfield's request for a recount of all votes cast for Mayor at Tuesday's election.

In spite of the fact that the vault has a double lock and can be opened only by two persons, one a Democrat,

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the other a Republican, acting in conjunction, both Mansfield and Mayor-elect Curley, have taken every precaution to prevent tampering with the ballot boxes. Three of the detectives are on duty in the interests of Mansfield, and two represent Curley. The police guard has been maintained at the request of Chairman Frank Seiberlich of the Board of Election Commissioners.

The vigil will continue until Tuesday when under heavy police guard the ballots will be removed to Faneuil Hall, where the recount will take place. The process will require several days.

As a result of the request for a recount, the post-election vacation trip planned by Mr. and Mrs. Curley was indefinitely postponed last night. The Mayor-elect declared that he would remain in the city to see that his interests in the matter were completely protected.

Although Curley was reported a winner in the first count by a margin of almost 20,000 votes, Mansfield, in making applications for a recount, declared that he had received from all sections of the city reports of errors and irregularities in the counting, tabulating and totalling of the votes, and that he believed that the exact vote ought to be determined for the information and satisfaction of the voters.

#### BIGGEST VOTE EVER QUESTIONED

To obtain the recount the applicant will be required under the law to file a petition containing the names of 50 voters in each of the 22 wards of the city before 5 o'clock tonight. This is the first time in the history of the city, so far as election officials could recall yesterday, that a majority of such magnitude has been questioned.

The largest on record was the 900 majority of former State Senator Mulvey, which was overturned on a recount to elect John R. Campbell clerk of the Superior Criminal Court, two years ago. This created a precedent which was followed by the Smith-Hoover recount throughout the State last fall. At the time it was alleged that the gamblers, who had laid heavy bets on the majority, were responsible for the Presidential recount here.

#### OTHER RECOUNTS TO BE MADE

Besides the mayoralty recount, requests have been made for another deal on the ballots cast for the school committee and for the leading two candidates in five City Council contests.

The applicants in the school committee fight are William Arthur Reilly of Jamaica Plain, who finished second, winning a place, and Dr. Charles E. Mackey of South Boston, who finished third, losing out by 665 after polling over 44,000 votes. In the school committee contest, the applicants will seek a recount only of their own votes and those of James A. "Jerry" Watson, former president of the City Council, who finished fourth. The figures of the other nine candidates will not be disturbed.

Although some of them won handily, the votes cast for Councillors-elect Green of Charlestown, Lynch of South Boston, Dowd of the South End, Gleason of Ward 9, Roxbury, and Francis E. Kelly of Ward 19, Dorchester, will be recounted, provided the petitions containing sufficient names are filed by 5 tonight.

#### Curley Visits City Hall

Blankets were taken out yesterday in behalf of James J. Mellen of Charles-

town, Representative Anthony A. McNulty of the South End, former Representative Maurice E. Foley of Ward 7, South Boston; Joseph F. Hartigan of Ward 9, Roxbury, and Councillor Thomas W. McMahon of Ward 15, Dorchester, all of whom finished second in their Council contests. In McMahon's case, he lost out by only 53 votes, according to the initial tabulations.

Mayor-elect Curley visited the election department yesterday at City Hall and was surrounded by city employees and officials as he passed through the corridors, all shouting their congratulations.

Among the hundreds of telegrams received yesterday by the Mayor-elect was a cable from Dublin, Ireland, sent by Joseph H. O'Neil, candidate of four years ago, who is touring abroad. Other messages came from George H. Curry, head of Tammany in New York; former Governor Foss, James M. Curley of New York, President John A. Heyder of the National League, and James J. Phelan and Chairman Joseph P. Manning of the City Hospital trustees, both of whom were mentioned as mayoralty possibilities last summer.

#### THE RECOUNT FOR MAYOR

It seems rather a waste of time and money to recount the votes for Mayor since Mr. Curley won by more than 19,000 votes on the official count. It would be surprising if a recount should show any material change.

There may have been some discrepancies in the official totals, but hardly enough to warrant any charge of carelessness or worse.

Save for the one serious instance of carelessness in counting the votes for Clerk of the Superior Criminal Court in the primaries two years ago, the election board has a good record for handling the counting.

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## EX-MAYOR CURLEY WINNING IN BOSTON

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Seems Assured of Third Term  
After 4-Year Lapse

#### DEFEATING F. W. MANSFIELD

Democrats Win in Cambridge,  
Springfield and Indianapolis

#### Special Despatch to The World

BOSTON, Nov. 5.—Former Mayor James M. Curley, seeking his third term in office after an absence of four years, seemed definitely assured of election over Frederick W. Mansfield, former Democratic State Treasurer, and President of the Massachusetts Bar Association, by a majority of 10,000 to 15,000 votes on the basis of returns from nearly half the city's 339 election precincts to-night.

First returns indicated an extremely close race between Curley and Mansfield, and on the face of the first forty precincts to report Mansfield even had a slight edge, but the Curley lead began to be manifest when returns began coming in from his strongholds in South Boston and Charlestown, more than offsetting the heavy advantage Mansfield had been piling up in the Back Bay, Allston and Roxbury districts.

The election is non-partisan, but all three candidates are Democratic.

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## RECOUNT MOVE BY MANSFIELD SURPRISES HUB

Recount of ballots in every ward in the city was requested yesterday by Frederick W. Mansfield, defeated for mayor by James M. Curley, in a move that came as a complete surprise and shock to close followers of politics, due to the Curley plurality of 19,517.

Application for the recount was filed by Atty. Francis J. Murray representing Mansfield, who appeared at the election commissioners with John W. Eanes of Mansfield guard placed by the Mansfield forces at the City Hall vault where the ballots are kept.

Fifty signatures of registered voters and the approval of a jurat must be filed at the election commissioners before 5 o'clock today for the recount to be sanctioned.

"Many reports have come to me from all sections of the city of errors and irregularities in counting, tabulating and totalling the votes for mayor at the Tuesday election," said Mansfield.

"I do not know of a ward where the precinct returns as published in the newspapers total the amount given at the foot of the columns."

"The exact vote ought to be determined for the information and satisfaction of the voters."

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# WARD 20 COUNCILOR-ELECT USES CAMPAIGN POSTERS TO THANK VOTERS

**Joseph P. Cox Has Signs Painted Over With Expressions of His Appreciation**



Councilor-Elect Cox' sign at Spring and Center sts, West Roxbury.

Signs which before election day advertised the political campaign of Joseph P. Cox as a candidate for City Councilor in Ward 20 of West Roxbury and Roslindale are attracting considerable attention throughout the district, with a novel idea of expressing gratitude for the victory of Councilor-Elect Cox.

Never before has a winning candidate reused his signs after a political encounter. Mr. Cox, who is widely known in advertising circles, originated the idea of expressing his gratitude for the confidence and support of the voters who aided him in his victory by use of the posters.

In years past political winners, much fatigued in most cases following a campaign, were satisfied to issue a statement of thanks to the voters. But Councilor-Elect Cox ordered his workers out to repaint the advertising signs, with the result that workers peered from the windows of street cars and automobiles at the expressions of gratitude.

The signs, which are adorned with two brooms each, indicating a clean

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Councilor-Elect Cox, who has been a resident of the West Roxbury Section during the past 17 years, has always shown a keen interest in civic affairs in his community, and in a statement to the Globe reporter yesterday, said that he hopes to prove worthy of the confidence and support given him by the voters. He added that he will exert every effort to accomplish improvements in the district.

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AMERICAN 11/9/29

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The mayor-elect made it clear that he filed his petition as a method of protecting his own interests.

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TRAVELER 11/9/29

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Mayor-elect James M. Curley has protected his interests in the coming recount of ballots cast for mayor at last Tuesday's election by filing petitions for recount in every ward of the city, except Ward 5.

The action of Curley is made in order that he may be insured places for his representatives during the recount. The work of going over the ballots will be begun at the offices of the election commissioners on Tuesday. It is expected to take eight days.

It was originally intended to have the recount, which will also include several councilmanic and school committee wards, in Faneuil hall, but the election commissioners decided to have it in their own department in order to save the expense of trucking the ballots to Faneuil hall. The official returns gave Curley 19,517 plurality last Tuesday. The votes for Mansfield and Coakley also will be recounted.

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## CITY RECOUNT BEGINS TUESDAY

DIME  
11/10/29  
The mayoralty recount of Boston's 216,277 ballots will begin Tuesday at 9 a. m. in City Hall Annex.

Politicians speculated yesterday whether Frederick W. Mansfield, defeated candidate, expects to make up the 19,517 votes by which he trailed Mayor-elect James M. Curley.

The politicians also expressed themselves puzzled over statements made by officials connected with the Mansfield campaign that no court action will be sought if discrepancies are brought to light.

It is believed the check-up of the ballots will take the better part of the week. As a result of Mansfield's request that the entire vote of the three candidates—Daniel H. Coakley trailed—be counted, all three candidates will have 16 observers on hand during the recount.

To protect his own interest and insure the presence of representatives at each table, Mayor-elect Curley filed a request for a recount after Mansfield.

While the vote for mayor is being recounted, there will also be recounts in several wards on the vote for school committee and city council.

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Mansfield supporters will take what little comfort they can in the fact that Curley has been mayor before and the skies didn't fall.

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# CURLEY ASKS FOR RECOUNT

## 11/9 Acts So He May Have Observers at the Ballot Table

Mayor-elect Curley himself filed application for a recount of the ballots cast in the city election, which returned him a winner by 19,517 votes. This action was taken just before 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, as the time for filing recount petitions expired.

### AS PRECAUTION

The move was made as a precautionary measure to protect his interests by assuring him of two observers at each table when the ballots are recounted, starting Tuesday morning at City Hall Annex as a result of the demand made first by Frederick W. Mansfield, who finished in second place in the mayoralty race.

The ballots cast for Daniel H. Coakley will also be counted again under the Mansfield petition, which requested that the votes for all three mayorality candidates be recounted. For the purpose of saving money, Chairman Frank Seiberlich of the Board of Election Commissioners, decided to hold the recounts in the commission offices instead of at Faneuil Hall, thereby eliminating the cost of trucking the ballots to and from Dock square.

He estimated that it will take 40 assistant registrars working eight days to complete the recount of the mayoral vote, as well as the vote of three candidates for the school committee and the votes of Council candidates in seven wards, all of whom filed the required number of signatures on their recount applications late yesterday.

### Omits Ward 5

The Curley petition was filed a few minutes after the Mansfield application had been clocked at the commission office at 4:45. Curley asked for a recount of only 21 wards, omitting the Republican stronghold in the Back Bay, Ward 5, which Mansfield carried by a vote of two to one.

Taking the petitions in the orders in which they were presented, the Election Commission officials certified the names on the Mansfield papers, assuring a recount of all the wards. This done, it was unnecessary to touch the Curley petition, which requested practically the same thing.

The recount of the ballots cast for William A. Reilly, Dr. Charles E. Mackey and James A. "Jerry" Watson, who finished second, third and fourth, respectively, in the school committee

contest, will be made on the application of the doctor, who lost a seat by only 665 votes.

### Council Recounts

The City Council ballots which will be recounted are in Ward 2, Charlestown, on petition of James J. Mellen; Ward 7, South Boston, on petition of Maurice E. Foley; Ward 8, South End, on petition of Representative Anthony J. McNulty; Ward 9, Roxbury, on petition of Joseph F. Hartigan; Ward 13, Dorchester, on petition of Councillor Frank B. Sullivan; Ward 14, Dorchester, on petition of Joseph Bearak, and Ward 15, Dorchester, on petition of Councillor Thomas W. McMahon, all of whom finished in second place, in their respective districts.

The recounts will delay for about a week or more the abolition of the Schoolhouse Commission and the creation of a new department of school buildings, as demanded by the voters in accepting the referendum by a two to one vote in the election. The act cannot become effective until the vote is officially canvassed and the result filed with City Clerk Wilfred J. Doyle. Since some of the precinct officers sealed the record of the count in the ballot boxes, the exact figures cannot be determined until the boxes are reopened for the recounts.

Babson Institute to serve as members. When the board is created it will be invited to work on the development of a program in anticipation of the requirements of the next 50 years. It will delve into all activities of the city and more particularly the ways and means of promoting industry and commerce.

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3. The extension of the Boston airport to Governor's Island by means of filled-in land in the harbor.

4—An immediate study of rapid transit needs and action for the relief of congestion at Governor sq.

5—The widening of Summer st. and L st., from the army base to the Strandway in South Boston. The completion of the Strandway and the Columbus park improvements.

# AMERICAN 11/8/29 PLANS TO MAKE HUB INDUSTRIAL CENTER

### Extension of Airport to Gov-

### nor's Island One of Big

### Projects Scheduled

Representatives of every commercial and trade organization in Boston are to be included in a huge advisory planning board of 350 members which Mayor-elect Curley announces he will create when he takes office, to guarantee Boston's industrial future.

The press the clergy, industrial and financial institutions will also be included, so as to be representative. Mayor Curley will ask the aid of all institutions of learning with Greater Boston in the program.

With this array of advisors Mayor Curley hopes to institute a program for a greater Boston than has ever existed and will be second to no city in the world.

### OUTLINES PLANS

Taking up the various projects which he will attempt to carry out when he assumes the office of mayor next January, Curley said:

"The most important work during my administration will be the establishment of an enlarged city planning board. I propose to increase the board to 350 members, representing the leading industrial, commercial, financial, labor and educational organizations in the community.

I propose to invite representatives of all of the leading industries, including the Harvard school of business administration and the

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## FILING MAYOR-ELECT'S PAPERS



William E. McMorrow is shown presenting the recount papers to William E. Mahoney of the election department.

## Defeated Candidates Plan To Contest Curley's Election

RECORD 11/9/29

### CURLEY JOINS IN ASKING FOR A RECOUNT

Petitions for a recount of the entire vote of the city in the recent mayoralty elections were filed at City Hall yesterday by representatives of Frederick W. Mansfield, defeated candidate, and Mayor-elect James M. Curley.

Forty-five papers containing 2600 names of registered voters were filed by Atty. Francis J. Murray for Mansfield in the presence of a police officer, while former City Collector William H. McMorrow and former assistant Corporation Counsel Hale Power demanded a recount of the Curley and Mansfield ballots for the mayor-elect.

In his petition, a recount of all votes was requested by Mr. Mansfield, but the petition of the Curley forces called only for Mansfield and Curley recounts. Ward 5 was also excluded from the Curley petition, since that district of the city is Republican and is conceded to Mansfield.

Recount in three wards of Waltham was filed by Atty. Patrick J. Duane, defeated by Mayor Henry F. Beal by one vote, resulted in a request by Beal for a city-wide recount.

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## CITY PLANNERS HEAR CURLEY

Mayor-Elect Attends Boston Group Luncheon at University Club

## NATIONAL DIRECTOR DESCRIBES WORK

Mayor-elect Curley took his first active step in forwarding his project for an extensive city planning program by attending the fourth luncheon of the Boston group of the Planning Foundation of America, held yesterday at the University Club. He was the guest of John Nolen, city planner of Cambridge, who is chairman of the Boston group and a director of the national organization.

Flavel Shurtleff, director of the national organization, was the principal speaker. He told of the work of the foundation and its aims. The gathering was a forerunner to the formal launching of the Boston group's participation in the national foundation.

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The mayor-elect participated in the informal discussion that followed the address, and he talked freely about his plans for putting into effect the improvements which Boston needs.

Among others who attended were Frederick H. Fay, chairman of the Boston planning board, and Miss E. M. Herlihy, secretary of the board; Miller McClintock, Harvard traffic expert; William F. Fisher, Boston traffic commissioner; William Rogers Greeley, chairman of the Massachusetts Federation of Planning Boards and also chairman of the New England Regional Planning Association; Prof. C. W. Killam of Harvard, an active member of the Boston group, and Prof. William Emerson of the school of architecture, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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The organization is already rendering service in many cities. It is engaged, among other things, raising the fund necessary to carry out the plans for the Regional Planning Association of New York and Environs, which cost \$1,000,000.

National officers of the planning foundation include Lawson Purdy of New York, president; Bancroft Gherardi, vice-president of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company in New York, vice-president, and among the directors are Frederick A. Delano of Washington, D. C., and New York, president of the Regional Planning Association of New York and Environs, and Paul G. Hoffman of South Bend,

TRANSCRIPT 11/9/29

# Recount Delays Operation of the School Measure

## Law Abolishing Schoolhouse Commission Will Not Come Into Effect for Week

Delay occasioned by the recount of ballots for mayor and the school committee will defer until approximately Nov. 16 the operation of the new law abolishing the schoolhouse commission, which was accepted by a two-to-one referendum vote at Tuesday's election. According to Chairman Frank Seiberlich of the board of election commissioners, the recount, which starts next Tuesday in the offices of the commission in City Hall Annex will probably be completed by the end of next week.

When the recount is finished the election commissioners will notify City Clerk Wilfred Doyle and he in turn will notify the mayor and school committee. Under the law, the mayor and school committee each will appoint within thirty days a member of the new board of commissioners of school buildings created under the act. These two appointees are to name a third member. Their failure to do so within thirty days to result in the appointment being made by the governor.

Certification of the adoption of the referendum is delayed until after the recount because, in examining the record books of the various precinct officers to get the official count made Tuesday night, the election commissioners learned that five of the officers had locked their books in the ballot boxes. The boxes are now locked in vaults in City Hall Annex, with representatives of Mayor-elect James M. Curley and his leading opponent, Frederick W. Mansfield, who petitioned for a mayoral recount, standing guard.

The time for the filing of the petitions for a recount expires at five o'clock to night, at which time, in the Mansfield application for a review of the total mayoral vote, papers bearing signatures of fifty registered voters in each of the twenty-two wards of the city must be in the hands of the election commissioners.

The recount of the total vote for school committee applied for by Dr Charles E. Mackey of South Boston, who finished third in the contest for two positions in the school board, was assured early this morning when Dr. Mackey filed the necessary papers from each of the twenty-two wards. Dr. Mackey was defeated for second position in the contest by William Arthur Reilly of Jamaica Plain, losing out by 665 votes. Reilly also has petitioned for a recount in the two South Boston wards. A recount of the votes of James A. (Jerry) Watson, who finished fourth in the contest, also is included in the Mackey and Reilly petition. The figures of the nine other candidates will not be reviewed.

Provided petitions bearing sufficient names are filed on time, there also will be a recount of votes cast for Councilors-elect Green of Charlestown, Lynch of South Boston, Dowd of the South End, Gleason of Ward 9, Roxbury, and Francis E. Kelly of Ward 15, Dorchester. In this connection blanks have been taken out in behalf of James J. Mellen of Charlestown, Representative Anthony A.

McNulty of the South End, former Representative Maurice E. Foley of Ward 7, South Boston, Joseph F. Hartigan of Ward 9, Roxbury, and Councilor Thomas W. McMahon, who was defeated for re-election by Kelly by 53 votes. McMahon filed papers with sufficient signatures today.

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# RECOUNT HALTS AUTO AWARD

The winner of the Ford automobile in the Curley plurality vote estimating contest cannot be announced for several more days, due to the mayoralty vote recount situation.

The original plan of the Boston Evening American's special committee had been to open the sealed ballot box as soon as the official count had been announced. This official figure was expected next Monday.

Since the recount may bring changes either upward or downward in the tabulations, the figures finally given out after the official recount will obviously stand as the 1929 election results.

When the recount tabulation is known, in another week or 10 days, the committee will be notified to open the box. The 50,000 cards containing estimates of Curley's lead over Mansfield will then be examined.

As the situation now stands, any person who made the calculation that Curley would lead by a margin of anything from one vote to 20,000 or even more, will stand a chance of winning this automobile as the recount may alter the vote unexpectedly.

TRAVELER 11/9/29

# PROTEST LEASING OF LAND TO CLUB

## South Boston Will Fight for Recreation Centre

Hundreds of South Boston citizens were aroused last night over a report that the park department will lease to the Boston Yacht Club a strip of land adjoining the club property which is daily used by mothers and children as a recreation centre. It is claimed by residents that yachting men purpose to turn the site into a parking place for their motor cars.

Judge William J. Day is heading a group of influential residents who will file a protest with the commissioners, claiming that it takes away from the people the only available public open air place in the vicinity of the club and at a point between the L street bath houses and City Point.

Prominent political leaders of South Boston indicated last night that unless their protests are successful that they will appeal to Mayor-Elect Curley.

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# GET \$33,604 VERDICT AGAINST COAKLEY

## Florida Bank Wins Suit to Recover on Three Notes With Interest

A Federal Court jury today returned a directed verdict of \$33,604.11 against Daniel H. Coakley in a suit brought by the Equitable Bank & Trust Co. of Florida.

The verdict was directed by Judge James A. Lowell, before whom the case has been on trial for several days.

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The \$5000 note was given by Coakley to the Ta-Miami Banking Co. and was endorsed by a banking company to Biscayne Trust Co. and First Trust & Savings Bank as trustees and they endorsed it to M. F. Sanders as receiver for the Ta-Miami Banking Co., who endorsed it to the plaintiff.

One of the \$10,000 notes was given to the Ta-Miami Banking Co. by W. Minot Hurd. It was endorsed by Coakley. The second \$10,000 note was given to the Ta-Miami Banking Co. by Gael Coakley, son of the defendant, and endorsed by Daniel H. Coakley.

The site is sheltered by many trees, is provided with seats. It faces the beach front and is a short distance from the home of Judge Day.

Councilman William J. Lynch and other councilmen will be asked to bring the matter to the attention of the mayor and the city council. The South Boston Citizens Association, headed by Stephen J. Fitzpatrick, American Legionnaires and other organizations will join in the protests. Unless these succeed in their campaign it is believed an injunction will be asked restraining the park department from leasing the property.

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# BOTH WANT POLL DECLARED VOID THROUGH FRAUD

Recount of Every Ward to  
Begin Tuesday—May  
Take 8 Days

## NEW DEVELOPMENTS AMAZE POLITICIANS

Curley Retains Attorneys  
And Detectives to Pro-  
tect His Interests

Frederick W. Mansfield and Daniel H. Coakley plan to contest the election of James M. Curley of Boston Tuesday in the courts and, if necessary, in the Legislature.

While working along different lines, they have a common objective to have Curley's election declared void by reason of fraud and to have Mansfield declared elected.

The first step was the filing of a petition for Mansfield to have a recount in each of the 22 wards of the vote cast for mayor which showed Curley elected on the face of the returns, by more than 19,000. The petition was completed yesterday by the filing under police guard, of the necessary signatures from each ward to obtain the recount.

### SLEUTHS GUARD BALLOTS

Mayor-elect Curley, declaring that he could not understand why a recount should be asked in view of the relatively tame election and his large plurality, decided to protect his interests at every point, however, and suddenly yesterday filed enough signatures for a recount for every ward except ward 5. He has also retained lawyers and private detectives. Charges in connection with the Mansfield vote may result.

The Mansfield men have engaged another nationally known firm of private detectives and the rival corps of sleuths were canvassing the city last night, running down tips of irregularities in the election.

The basis of the plan to contest Curley's election is information alleging fraud and other irregularities in connection with the campaign and the voting. Mansfield and Coakley are having investigations made with a view of taking legal action.

If the investigations establish what appears to them a case for an investigation by the district-attorney, one or

both will take an unprecedented step of asking the supreme court to order the investigation carried on by Dist.-Atty. Bushnell of Middlesex county.

### NO JURISDICTION

This would be requested on the ground that while Dist.-Atty. Foley is entirely competent to make such an inquiry the city as a whole still reflects the warmth of the campaign and that it would be fairer to have a "change of venue" by taking the case to another county, Middlesex, for example.

Several prominent lawyers of Boston discounted the whole matter last night. They said that in the first place the supreme court has no jurisdiction in the matter and that any petition brought before that tribunal would be a waste of time. There is absolutely no chance of an investigation by Bushnell, as outlined, they declared, unless Bushnell moved himself to investigate charges that Middlesex county residents voted illegally in the Boston election. No such charges have so far been made.

There is provision in the law against corrupt election practices, however, for a hearing by three judges of the superior court and it is possible that the Coakley and Mansfield groups will attempt to make use of this.

### MOVE A MYSTERY

To most politicians in Boston and the public at large, the Mansfield recount move was a profound mystery, especially in view of the congratulations he extended to Curley. The campaign had its sensational moments but these were not well sustained.

The election itself was one of the quietest ever held in Boston. There was scarcely any police activity and there were only two arrests and these in Roxbury for alleged illegal distribution of campaign circulars near a polling booth.

Coakley, however, has retained as counsel a lawyer said to be one of the best known authorities on constitutional law in the state. His name is being kept secret until the Coakley action is ready, it was reported last night.

### TO ESTABLISH FRAUD

Generally speaking, the Mansfield forces are attempting to establish fraud in connection with the election and the Coakley men violations of the anti-corrupt practices act.

The Mansfield investigation, beginning with the recount, has for one purpose the checking of every person recorded as voting in Boston to learn whether he or she did. The recount will begin Tuesday morning in the offices of the Boston election commission with Wards 1 to 8 as the first unit to be counted. This will take two days and the entire recount will require seven or eight days.

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### AIMED AT CURLEY

The Coakley men hope to show illegal expenditures of money, especially by contractors allegedly interested in the Curley campaign and plan through court proceedings to require the contractors mentioned to appear for examination with their books.

Friends of the mayor-elect, resentful over the sudden turn in the situation, charged last night that the attempt to discredit the election is an exhibition of poor sportsmanship aimed at Curley personally and they predicted it would rebound to the disadvantage of those responsible.

In addition to the mayoralty recount, there will be a city-wide recount in the school committee contest which was petitioned for by Dr. Charles E. Mackey of South Boston, who lost one of the two places by approximately 600 votes.

### RECOUNTS IN WARDS

Recounts will also be ordered in the following wards as a result of close city council fights. Ward 2, petitioner J. J. Mellen; ward 7, petitioner, M. E. Foley; ward 8, petitioner, A. A. McNulty; ward 9, J. F. Hartigan; ward 13, Councilman F. B. Sullivan; ward 14, Joseph Bearak; ward 15, Councilman T. W. McMahon.

Atty. Francis J. Murray, representing Mr. Mansfield filed 55 papers with signatures from every ward at 4:45 and a few minutes later was followed by William H. McMorrow, who filed the Curley signatures. The Curley petition it was said, was filed in order to protect his interests in the recount and also to provide for posts for his observers.

No paper was filed in ward 5, Back Bay, for the Curley petition, but this will make no difference in the recount as this is automatically provided for by the filing of the Mansfield papers for the ward.

The Mansfield delegation at the office of the election commission was attended by a policeman, who stood by while Murray demanded and received a receipt for the 55 papers filed.

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# Sensations Are Now Looked for in Vote Recount

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Rumors of Planned Attempt to Nullify Curley Election Arouse Politicians

The recount of the mayoralty vote, by which former mayor James M. Curley was given a plurality of 19,517 in last Tuesday's election, has a background of many elements of mystery causing discussion among politicians who look for sensational developments when the review gets under way next Tuesday in the offices of the election commissioners in City Hall Annex. In view of the large plurality given Curley by the returns, no little surprise was registered when Frederick W. Mansfield, Curley's leading opponent, petitioned for a recount on Thursday, and the proceedings took on an additional sensational aspect late yesterday afternoon when Curley also filed a petition for a recount.

The Curley move, it was explained, was in the nature of a precautionary step to protect his interests by assuring him the presence of two observers at each table when the ballots are taken out for review after having been under constant guard by Curley and Mansfield representatives in the vaults of the City Hall Annex where the ballot boxes are locked up.

The Mansfield action took on an air of mystery to the politicians, particularly in the light of the fact that on Tuesday night he sent a wire of congratulation to Curley on the latter's victory. The mystery was increased in an explanatory statement by Mansfield that his action was based on many reports from all sections of the city of "errors and irregularities" and upon a decision that a review of the total vote was necessary for the satisfaction of the voters.

Since Mansfield's move for a recount, stories have gone the political rounds that Daniel H. Coakley, the third candidate in the mayoral battle, is studying the campaign situation, having in mind a possible attempt to have the Curley election nullified on the ground of alleged violation of the corrupt practices act with relation to the amount of expenditures in pre-election efforts in behalf of Curley.

Rumors in that connection give rise to the speculation that Mansfield's successful request for a recount also may have had its genesis in evidence of alleged fraud during the polling of ballots.

While the activities of both the Mansfield and Coakley camps have the reported plan in view of attempting to have Curley's election declared void and to have Mansfield declared elected, there also are rumors that the Curley interests, in their turn, may be aroused to seek further action in the matter of alleged fraud in the matter of obtaining signatures to nomination papers by both the Mansfield and Coakley interests.

Protests in behalf of Curley before the Ballot Law Commission that many signatures on the nomination papers filed for Mansfield and Coakley were obtained fraudulently were given a hearing by the commission and dismissed after

Michael J. Ward, who filed the protests, withdrew the actions. Before the hearings, during them and after, there were rumors that the attention of the district attorney might be called to the matter, but no action ensued.

Whatever the developments may be, the politicians look for sensational activities in the seven or eight days expected to be taken in the recount.

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# JAMES M. CURLEY AND SOME OTHERS

A Few Footnotes on Personalities Whose Names Have Appeared in the Headlines

By SAMUEL T. WILLIAMSON.

THE next Mayor of Boston will be James M. Curley. This is both a statement and a habit.

Three times has Boston had an opportunity to choose Mr. Curley as its Mayor and three times Boston has joyously chosen him. "Curley Target in Bitter Fight for Boston Mayor." Such a headline might be a passing chronicle of what went on in Boston this Fall. As a matter of fact this headline did appear—over a Boston dispatch in 1917. It should be a standing headline as long as Mr. Curley continues to run for Mayor—which is something he has done every other four years since 1913.

"Boston Needs Curley" was the slogan plastered on the city's billboards this Fall. Opponents accepted the choice of words but disagreed with their order, suggesting that the arrangement should be "Curley Needs Boston." Well, both have each other now, and if the next four years are like the other two Curley administrations, many conservative Bostonians will grind their teeth.

There is no half-way sentiment about Curley. People either shout for him or display symptoms of apoplexy at the mention of his name. When they shout for him in Charlestown and South Boston, there is high blood pressure in Back Bay. But since the voting strength expressing the Back Bay tradition is not in Boston but in such suburbs as Brookline, Chestnut Hill, the Newtons and Winchester, Curley need not worry.

It has been Mr. Curley's fortune to convert handicaps to campaign assets. His opponents made too much of the fact that he once served sixty days in jail. Curley glorified his prison record because, it was shown, he was convicted for taking a civil service examination in the name of another man. "He did it for a friend," was the Curleyites explanation. It was an effective slogan,

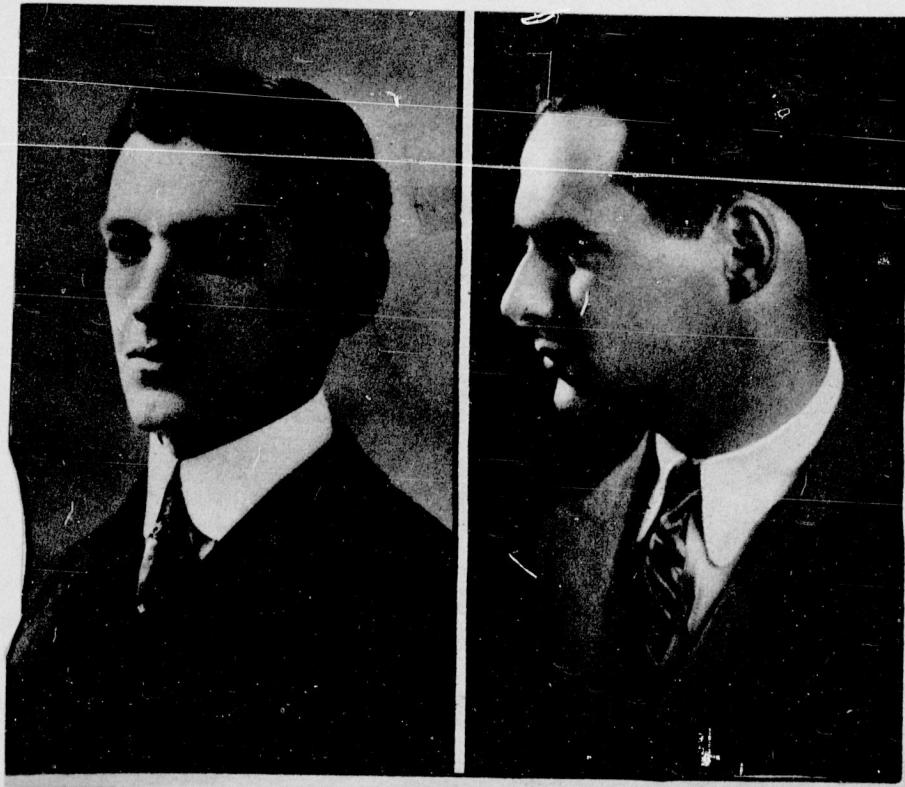
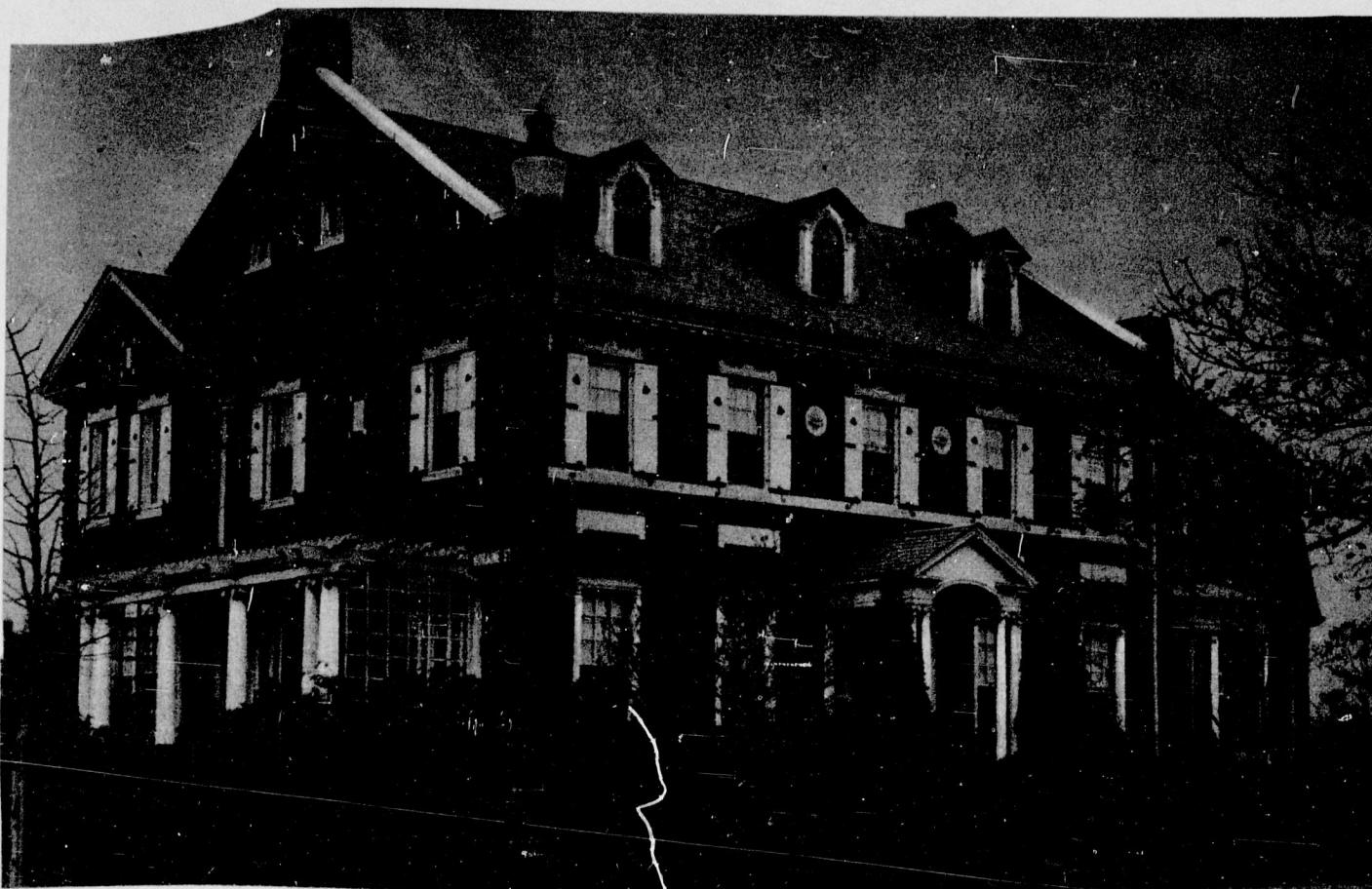


for even before Curley left jail he had been elected Alderman. Many years later a Boston publisher inspired a cartoon depicting Curley in prison stripes, whereupon he was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment for criminal libel.

Few campaigners are more effective than Boston's next Mayor. His voice has a tremolo stop which can sway crowds. There is no question about his courage. One of Boston's toughest wards was uncertain in a municipal election. Curley visited it and greeted his audience thus: "Pickpockets, doormat thieves and milk bottle robbers—you see, I know you all." He won the ward.

Before he was a Mayor, Curley was a Congressman. At Washington he contributed a new version of a certain historic event. "I have read of the Boston Tea Party," Representative Curley told the House, "and always supposed that it emanated from an indignation meeting in the Old South Church, but I have discovered that it was concocted in John Duggan's tavern in Corn Court, Boston, afterwards known as the Hancock Tavern; and if the men disguised as Indians who threw the tea overboard were properly characterized, it would be 'John Duggan's Tea Party,' instead of the 'Boston Tea Party.'"

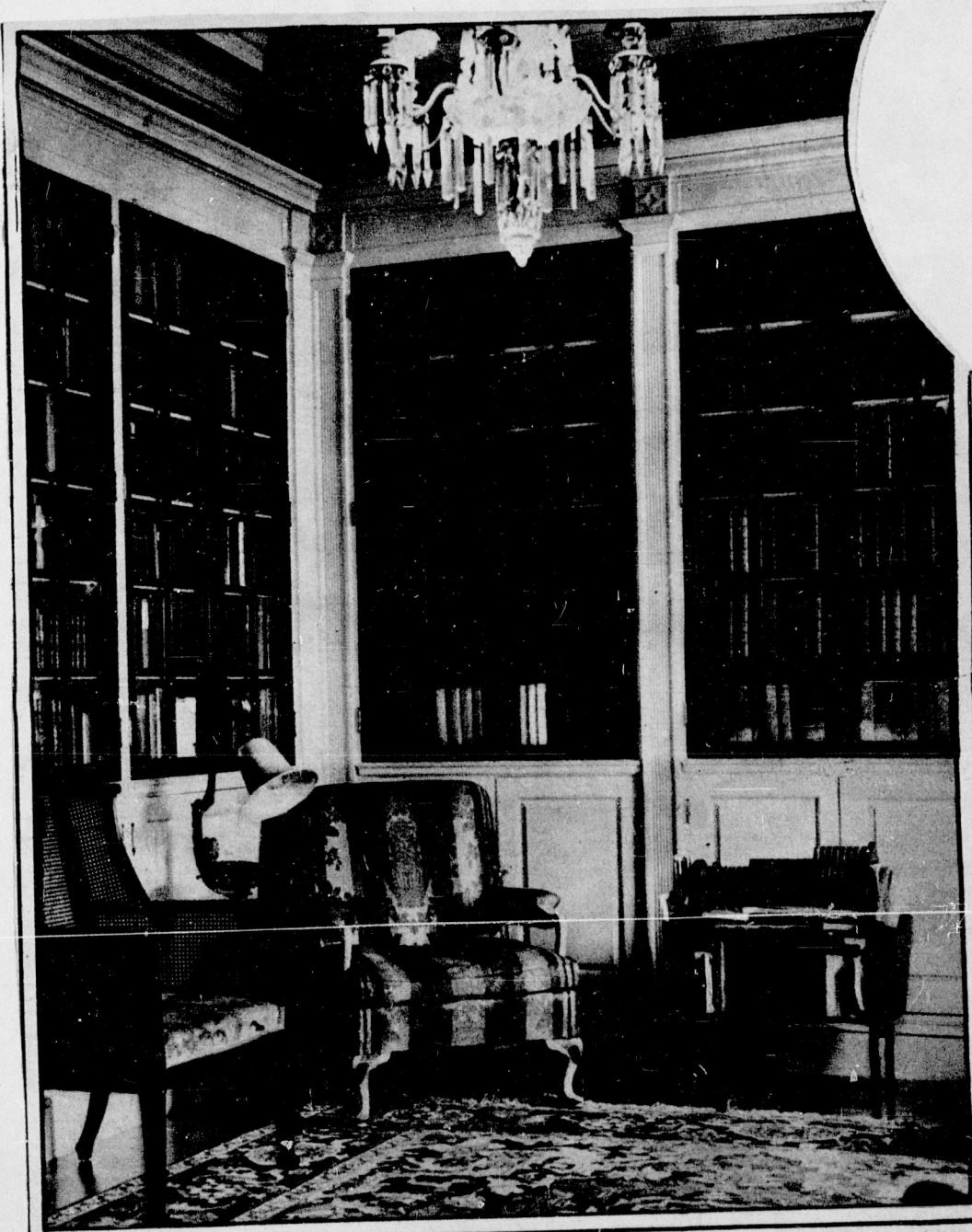
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(Right) The Curley home at 350 Jamaicaway. Friends of the mayor-elect point out that here is no mere structure of brick and mortar, rather that it is a home that really is a home. Mrs. Curley is said to be a remarkable house-keeper, a title in which she delights. Children have always romped about this house, and yet when there is "company" the youngsters conduct themselves with delightful poise and good manners.

Jim, senior, and Jim, junior, at about of an age, photographically-speaking. Young Jim got a thrill this year. He is 21 and was able to vote. One guess as to how he voted! The picture of Father was made while he was a member of the city council. Jim, senior, and Jim, junior, each think the other is great stuff.

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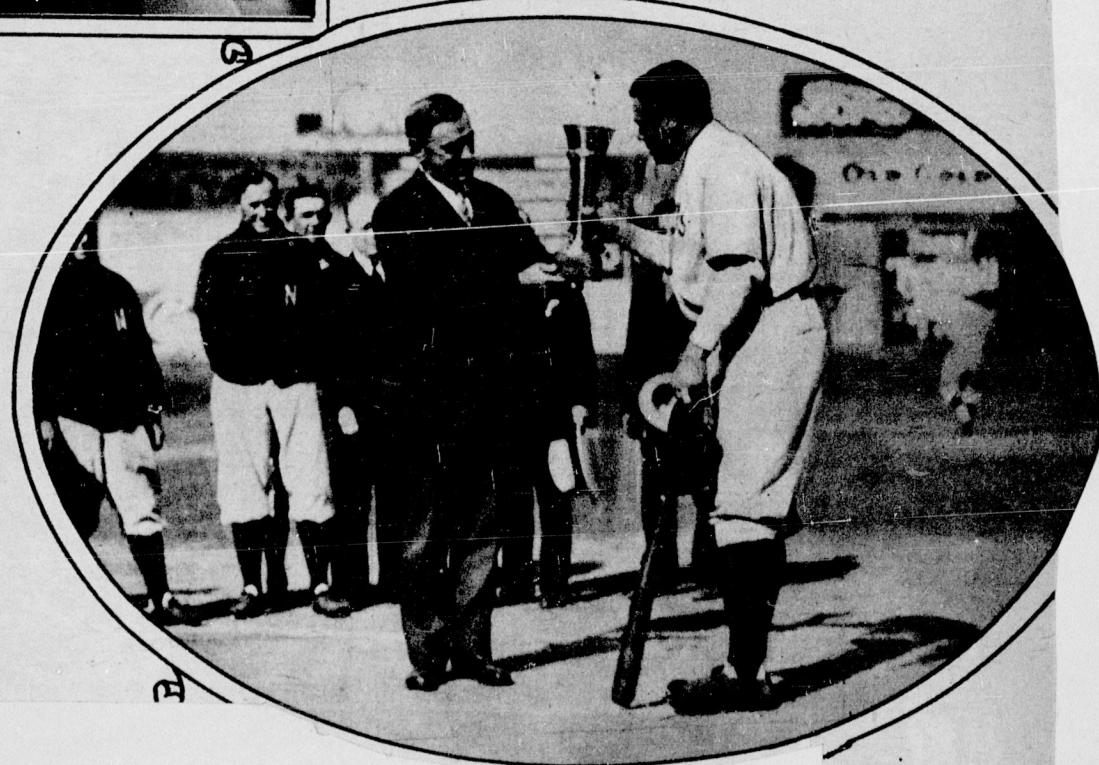
A corner of the room where you will usually find Jim Curley o' nights gratifying his taste for "larnin'." He never stops. Here he sits, reading, and smoking a pipe or, rather, smoking matches. He uses more matches than any living man, seldom has one, borrows yours, returns them, becomes interested in his reading so that his pipe goes out, and constantly re-borrows a light.

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The central figure of the Curley family—Mother. Even the mayor-elect calls Mary Elizabeth Curley "Mother." Through 16 months of severe illness, Mrs. Curley has kept the high courage and gracious manner that has contributed so largely to "Father's" success.

James M. Curley at 35. This photograph shows the fine-looking young Jim who, as a congressman, captured Washington by his handsome appearance and charm. Curley was 39 when he first became mayor of Boston.



None can present things with more charming savoir-faire than Jim Curley, whether it be a loving cup to Babe Ruth or a half-dozen golf balls to a competitor at golf. He wins them with equal grace.

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Four years ago. MRS. Curley and the then mayor voting. They have always voted together, even this year.



And here are Jim Curley's most precious possessions. At the left is Mary, who is 19 and a student at Manhattanville, N. Y., a girl as sweet as her mother; next, the mayor and Mrs. Curley; in the center, George, 10, and in grammar school; in foreground, Francis, 5, the youngest, just starting in at school; behind him Paul, 17, a student at Boston Latin School; at rear, standing, James M., Jr., his father all over again, a student at Harvard Law School, and, at the right, Leo, 15, also at Boston Latin School. When they all sit down to meals, father ceases to be "head man" of Boston. Every one of the family is encouraged to have and express opinions.

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The boy himself, James M. Curley, former mayor a couple of times and mayor-elect three times. Here we see him in campaign togs, smiling over victory. You will find it hard to believe, but he is 54. The mayor reads eagerly, chiefly about government. Eddie Dolan, his next-door neighbor, says the mayor "plays golf like a full-back—goes right to it, and yet plays in the 80's." His chief interests in life are his family and his city.

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WORK TO BE DONE

Dorchester, comprising more than a fourth of the city of Boston in population and area, has long been neglected insofar as street improvements are concerned and some of our main thoroughfares are in deplorable condition. It is true that Dorchester has a few good boulevards, but for the most part Dorchester streets are in anything but good shape.

Even Dorchester's main thoroughfares are not in the condition they should be. Dorchester avenue is nothing short of disgraceful practically its entire length from the South Station to Milton. Adams street from Gibson street north is abominable. Washington street is dangerous to ride over, Norfolk street is full of holes, Geneva avenue is just as bad. We could go on and on and enumerate the main streets of this section indefinitely.

The Dorchester city councillors should get together for some big general improvements in Dorchester streets instead of confining their efforts singly to their own wards and getting a crumb here and there to appease their constituents. Dorchester has five potential votes in the city council and two other councillors in districts close enough to really be called Dorchester.

They should pool their votes and fight for the benefit of Dorchester as a whole. Do some big things for Dorchester. Fix the main streets and get some other improvements.

It is time they stopped doing things in a small way, but considered the question of the greatest good to the greatest number.

Dorchester will continue to get the small end of things if the councillors continue to work single-handed. Working together they can get anything that is going, because five to seven votes is a pretty important matter when they vote and work together.

Whatever is done during the coming year let us have our main arteries put into respectable shape.

We have faith that Mayor Curley will see the necessity of fixing Dorchester avenue, in reality the main thoroughfare to the south out of Boston. We think also that he will see to it that the disreputable condition of Albany street be fixed and that Massachusetts avenue from Albany street to Edward Everett square be put in decent shape.

Probably Mayor Curley will do even more, but if he does only those things he will get a vote of thanks from all the Dorchester automobilists.

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# MANSFIELD WILL ASK IMPOUNDING OF CITY BALLOTS

## WILL PETITION COURT AT CLOSE OF THE RECOUNT

Every Effort to Be Made to  
Upset the Mayoral  
Election

### CURLEY PREPARES COUNTER STROKE

"Hasn't Mansfield Had  
Enough?" He Asks, Cit-  
ing Cost of Recount

The first definite legal step resulting from the decision of Frederick W. Mansfield and Daniel H. Coakley to contest the election of James M. Curley as mayor of Boston will be a petition for a court order impounding the ballots, the tally sheets used by election officials and the certified lists showing those who voted.

This move will be made, it was learned last night, immediately after the finish of the recount of the votes cast for mayor. The recount, first requested by Mansfield and then by Curley, will begin Tuesday and take seven or eight days. The petition for a court order impounding the ballots to keep them under seal for use in further litigation will be made by counsel for Mansfield.

It became apparent yesterday that Mansfield and Coakley are determined to use every means at their command to contest Curley's election in the courts. The city as a whole, at first incredulous that the mayor-elect should be obliged to face such an unprecedented opposition after a plurality of more than 19,000, is about to become a more or less unwilling witness to the attempt.

Whether it can succeed is doubted by most authorities on election laws, but they are handicapped to some extent in their appraisal of the situation by the secrecy of the Mansfield and Coakley groups.

#### CURLEY PREPARED

Mayor-elect Curley, while giving scant credit to reports that his two opponents might be able to bring the election issue before the courts, is nevertheless prepared to contest them on any point they may raise.

Mr. Curley's campaign advisers freely asserted yesterday that if the Mansfield and Coakley groups tried to bring the election into the courts on issues of fraud, some interesting questions would be raised as to the persons and organizations financing the anti-Curley campaign and as to whether these expenditures conformed to the law against corrupt practices in elections.

The Mayor-elect, personally, however, declined to be drawn into any controversy over possible future court action. At his home in Jamaica way last night, in commenting on the recount, he said:

"Hasn't Mansfield had enough? After Mr. Mansfield petitioned for a recount I asked for a recount as a protective measure for the people of Boston. If the margin between myself and Mr. Mansfield was close it might look as though something would be gained; but more than 19,000 persons expressed their preference for Curley over Mansfield.

"It is my personal opinion that I will gain votes on the recount. However, I don't think that there will be any great difference shown, either way. The recount will cost the people of Boston between \$7500 and \$10,000, all to no purpose. It just places another stigma against the city implying that we can't even hold an election here without the integrity of the citizens being questioned."

William M. Mc Morrow, former city collector, and counsel for Curley in the recount proceedings, characterized as "ridiculous" the talk of court action against Curley's election being made by the Mansfield forces.

"We think it very ridiculous, especially at this stage of the game," he said. "Mansfield has asked for a recount and we have asked for a recount, and nothing is proved until it is proved. We know that the will of the people is the will of the people, and that it has been very forcibly expressed."

Mr. Mc Morrow's attention was called to rumors of retaliatory action threatened by the Curley forces should Mansfield go through with his reported intention to ask the courts to nullify the election on evidence of alleged fraud. Curley, say some of his supporters, could make a counter move in the form of a demand for court action against Mansfield because of signatures found in his nomination papers alleged to be forgeries, and because of jurats on the papers alleged to have been improperly sworn to by Mansfield.

Mr. Mc Morrow, asked to comment on this reported "ace in reserve," said there had been no discussion of such a move between Mr. Curley and himself. He avoided any direct prediction, however, as to whether such action would be resorted to, in the event of a hostile move by Mansfield.

Mr. Mc Morrow has been designated by Curley to represent his interests at the recount, and will have some 16 workers assisting him in scrutinizing the work of re-tabulating the ballots at the recount beginning Tuesday.

Daniel H. Coakley, who ran third in the election, reiterated last night that he had nothing to say regarding the situation, either as to any moves he may contemplate in his own behalf or as to the legal moves threatened against Curley's election by the Mansfield group.

#### WILL START TUESDAY

Beginning at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, the board of election commissioners will undertake a recount of the ballots, aggregating more than 216,000. The recount will include a check-up of not alone the vote for the three candidates for mayor, but that cast for three of the candidates in the school committee contest, and that for councilman in seven of the wards, where the results were close.

The commissioners will conduct the recount in eight wards at a time, and in accordance with the statute fixing the number of workers whose presence is permitted, both Mansfield and Curley will have two observers watching the recount in each ward, or 16 in all.

A spokesman for Mansfield said last night that no move would be made immediately in the courts against the election of Mayor Curley, but that it was planned to await the results of the recount before deciding whether sufficient grounds existed to prove fraud, and to warrant an appeal to the courts.

This spokesman said that following the recount it was intended to make an individual check-up of every registered voter to determine whether he or she voted. "Mr. Mansfield," said his lieutenant, "has lots of information which he is not prepared to disclose until the proper time comes."

Meanwhile the ballots, reposing in a vault in the basement of City Hall annex, are being guarded day and night by detectives representing both Mayor-elect Curley and Mr. Mansfield, as well as by police officers representing the city.

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# SCHOOLHOUSE VOTE IN PERIL

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Certification of Referendum Tally Held up  
By Recount

## MAYOR MUST ACT WITHIN 30 DAYS

Unforeseen complications, caused by the preliminary steps necessary to put the new department of school buildings into operation and abolish the present Boston schoolhouse commission, may thwart the wishes of Boston citizens, who voted nearly two to one in favor of a referendum on the matter, it was learned last night.

The possibility that the act to abolish the commission and substitute the new agency for the building and maintaining of Boston schools may be nullified, loomed strongly last night. In fact, one observer declares, the only thing that will save the bill and grant the wishes of the electorate is for the interested officials to "observe the spirit of the law."

### ALIVE OR DEAD?

In the opinion of Frank Seiberlich, chairman of the Boston election commission, "there is a question of whether the act is alive or dead" unless Mayor Nichols appoints his representative on the school buildings commission within the 30 days specified in the bill signed by Gov. Allen last spring after the Legislature passed it by a unanimous voice vote.

"The vote, which every one knows, was nearly two to one," he said last night, "must be certified by the election commission and taken to the city clerk. He, in turn, accepts the return and notifies the mayor, who, according to the law, 'shall' appoint one representative within 30 days. Should he fail to do so, it is a question of whether the law is alive or dead."

While Mayor Nichols was strongly opposed to passage of the act for the new city department, feeling that it was both unnecessary and a further invasion of home rule for Boston, there has been no indication that he would fail to comply with it. The point raised by Seiberlich, however, has so agitated supporters of the measure that they will call upon the mayor this week to ascertain his position with regard to the new law.

Certification of the vote on the referendum must be delayed until the election commission holds the recount asked for by former Mayor James M. Curley, Frederick W. Mansfield and Daniel H. Coakley, mayoral contenders. According to Chairman Seiberlich, the vote in several wards has been certified.

"There are four wards holding us up," he explained. "In these the clerks threw their record books into the ballot boxes, which were locked up in the vault and are under guard of police

and private detectives. We must make the recount for the mayoral candidates and it will be a week from Tuesday before we will be able to certify."

This means that on Nov. 19 the vote on the referendum will be ready for acceptance. Mayor Nichols then has 30 days in which to select his choice for appointment. Should he fail to do so, or the school committee fail to appoint a person to the commission, a problem that no one cared to talk about last night would result.

That the Boston school committee will appoint its representative before the 30 days have elapsed was learned last night. Thus far the name of Dr. David D. Scannell, former chairman of the school committee and chairman of the committee of private citizens who favored the referendum and conducted a vigorous campaign to obtain its passage, leads all others.

Although members of the committee declined to name their choices for the post, Mrs. Jennie Loitman Barron, only woman member of the committee, last night said she hoped that the committee would "choose some man on a high plane of ability and integrity." She felt confident that the school committee selection would be an outstanding one, and above criticism.

### WOULD VOTE FOR SCANNELL

Joseph J. Hurley, another school committee member, refused to name any man he might favor for the post. When he was told that the name of Dr. Scannell was linked with the post, he said, "I would vote for Dr. Scannell." Other interested persons agreed that the appointment of Dr. Scannell would be approved generally.

That court action may result if failure to appoint a representative, either by the mayor or by the school committee, was intimated last night. The persistent rumor that the establishment of the department of school buildings and the abolition of the old schoolhouse commission might be delayed for political reasons, was the cause of a hurried conference between interested persons, it is known, and the matter will shortly be thrashed out in public.

Even if both the mayor and the committee do appoint their representatives, another interesting situation confronts the citizens of the city. Boston is overwhelmingly Democratic, it was pointed out, and Mayor Nichols, being a Republican, would in all probability appoint a man of his own party to the post.

### WOULD NAME REPUBLICAN

The school committee, the Democrats being in the majority, would undoubtedly appoint a Democrat. The Democrat and the Republican might fail to agree upon the third member within the 30 days specified in the law, and it would be up to the Governor to appoint the final member. Gov. Allen, it was observed, would appoint a Republican, and the Democratic city of Boston would have two Republicans and a Democrat on the commission, which would appoint the key man of the new organization, the superintendent of building construction, who will receive up to \$12,000 and serve at the pleasure of the commission.

The law becomes operative on Dec. 1 unless certification delays the acceptance beyond that date. All appointments, whether before or after that date to within the 30 days specified, are "as of" Dec. 1.

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# MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS AROUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERS IN STATE TO THE NEED OF WORK

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**By WENDELL D. HOWIE**

With the municipal election campaigns now out of the way in a number of the most important cities of the commonwealth, Democrats and Republicans are alike scanning the final figures closely to determine, if possible, whether they can be construed as having a significant bearing with respect to the state election of next year, when, in addition to the entire state ticket, a seat in the United States Senate is also at stake.

The Democrats pretend, at least, to have obtained great solace and encouragement from the municipal elections. They point to the victory of James M. Curley in Boston; to the election of John J. Murphy, the first Democrat ever to be elected mayor of Somerville in the 57 years it has been a city; to the election of Dwight R. Winter, the first Democrat to be elected mayor of Springfield in 17 years, and to the election of J. Fred Manning, a Democrat with a non-partisan label, as mayor of the city of Lynn.

At first blush these results might appear to be outstanding Democratic achievements, which could come only from vast strides forward by the party, but a careful analysis of the conditions surrounding each of these local elections reveals that considerations over and above partisanship entered into each picture. It is doubtful whether either party can claim any permanent gain from this situation, as can be shown.

Republicans also found cause for rejoicing in several instances. They assisted in the retirement of Mayor Edward W. Quinn of Cambridge, the Democratic national committeeman from Massachusetts and long a popular figure in the political life of the state. They saw a Republican woman lead the ticket for the school committee in Boston, in the person of Mrs. Elizabeth W. Pigeon of East Boston. They were pleased with the re-election of Thomas H. Braden as mayor of Lowell and Michael J. O'Hara as mayor of Worcester by substantial majorities over Democratic opponents. They chuckled at the discomfiture of Frank J. Donahue, chairman of the Democratic state committee, who could not carry his own ward in Boston for his candidate for the city council.

## NO PERMANENT GAINS

But, and it bears reiteration, neither of the parties can claim any permanent gain from the situation.

Without in any way belittling the great victory which Mr. Curley won in Boston, several facts might be pointed

out. There was no Republican candidate in the field, and from the strictly party standpoint the rank and file of the Republicans were free to go wherever their consciences or sympathies directed. That Mr. Curley was the beneficiary of large numbers of Republican votes goes without saying. It has been reported, in fact, that of the 22 chairmen of Republican ward committees in Boston as many as 16 of them were on the line for Curley. A number of Republican officeholders and former holders of office were also actively working in his behalf.

The former mayor also had the greatest collection of leaders within his own party within the memory of any living Boston voter, all with him. Fitzgerald, Donahue, Lomasney, McCormack, Douglas, Tague, Conry, O'Connell, McNary, Keliher, O'Brien, Glynn—just as a partial list, but sufficient to show how great was the gathering of the clan behind him.

And yet, Frederick W. Mansfield, Mr. Curley's opponent, polled 96,946 votes, with Curley's plurality being 19,517. Daniel H. Coakley, the third candidate, polled only 2868, as compared with the more than 20,000 he received at the last previous mayoralty election.

Mr. Curley takes office in January, and he has already mapped out a powerful program which he intends to put through, and which should work to the decided advantage of the city. Will his alliances with so many of his former enemies cause him embarrassment? This is one of the questions that time alone can answer. Before he has been long in the mayor's office he will be hearing from many of them, and they have reason to expect that some of the patronage will go their way.

## AMAZED AT HARMONY

There are many Republicans who express amazement at the harmony which has marked Democratic deliberations during the past year. Some of them do not believe that such a situation can be continued indefinitely. The wise ones, however, are taking nothing for granted, and are working to bolster their party to meet any possible situation which may develop. Amos L. Taylor, chairman of the Republican state committee, is one of these, and he is working on the assumption that the Democrats will present the strongest and most united front in their history next year. Gov. Frank G. Allen is another in this class, and he is so laying his ground-work as to be able to meet the onslaught which he believes to be inevitable.

The election of Mr. Murphy in Somerville was not a surprise, although he becomes the first Democrat ever to be

chosen mayor of what was once a Republican stronghold. For several years a shifting population in Somerville has been responsible for the gradual changing of the political complexion of the city. Each year the Republican margin has been getting smaller. Last year the Democrats carried the city for President, for United States senator, for Governor, and for congressman.

Mr. Murphy has worked hard for the Democratic party in his city. He has been tireless in his organization efforts and he has had no little recognition of his efforts by the state leaders of the party. He has been running for mayor for eight years. He now has within his power the opportunity of strengthening his party's grip in the city by reason of the kind of administration he gives.

It is possible, however, that Murphy, whose margin of victory was 1841, might have lost the election had it not been for a division in the Republican ranks, which so often follows a bitter primary contest. Senator Warren C. Daggett, long honored by his party, is being blamed for this situation, which may eliminate him from politics for all time.

## DAGGETT'S RECORD

Senator Daggett served on the Somerville board of aldermen from 1902 to 1904 and from 1915 to 1917, being vice-president of the board in 1916 and president in 1917. He served on the school board in 1917. From 1918 to 1924 he served his city in the House of Representatives, and he has since been elected to three successive two-year terms in the Senate.

The senator was defeated for the Republican nomination for mayor and for some time thereafter rumor had it that he was planning to bolt the party nominee. Finally, on the eve of election, he made the rumor come true, and issued a statement which, in effect, read himself out of the Republican party. It is doubtful, under all the circumstances, if he is ever allowed to get back in.

The Democrats have been hailing the result of the municipal election in Springfield with high glee. It is true that the party showed strong gains a year ago in the presidential election; but Springfield is far from being a Democratic city. Dwight R. Winter, the Democratic candidate for mayor, was elected with a plurality of 2106. The facts of the case are that 2200 Republicans refused to support Carlos P.

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Ellis, 70-year-old headmaster of the High School of Commerce.

The vote of the city for other offices showed that the Republicans supported Mr. Winter, and then voted a straight Republican ticket. Local conditions entirely were responsible for their course. Mr. Ellis had a faithful following among the women, but the male voters were reported to be opposed to him, regardless of party. In spite of this easily explained situation, Springfield may rightly give the Republicans more concern than almost any other city in the state at the present time.

In Lynn the victory of Mr. Manning was practically a foregone conclusion. Mayor Ralph S. Bauer, who has been in office four years, was understood to be backing Lynn M. Ranger, president of the city council. Although the mayor has persisted in saying that he could have been elected again had he chosen to run, the facts are that the people of Lynn had become disgusted with the publicity the city has been receiving.

#### MARGIN NOT SURPRISE<sup>1</sup>

It was not surprising, therefore, that Mr. Manning, whose father died during the campaign, had a margin of 5096 votes to spare when the ballots were counted.

Perhaps the greatest upset of all the municipal elections was the defeat of Mayor Quinn of Cambridge. This defeat will go hardest with the Democrats, because of the mayor's position on the Democratic national committee, despite the fact that it was a Democrat, Richard M. Russell, whose father was a governor of Massachusetts, who defeated him.

Mayor Quinn's defeat can be attributed to his having served for 12 years in office, during which time any chief executive is certain to incur enmities. Although exceedingly popular and affable, Mayor Quinn early found that he was in for the fight of his life, for he ran second to Russell in the primary. The Republicans supported Russell for the most part, although there were many of them who voted for Quinn. It was the break among the Democrats that gave Russell his victory.

Mayor O'Hara of Worcester, who has spent six years in office, was re-elected by 2056 votes after a bad scare. He had a severe primary contest which left scars that were exceedingly hard to heal. The Republican state organization entered the picture and gave him assistance when he needed it most. Many of the Swedish-American Republicans were talking of bolting his candidacy and either supporting his opponent or remaining away from the polls. They were persuaded to stand by and be loyal, however.

In Lowell, Mayor Braden had a comparatively easy time in winning again by 3660 votes. It is rather singular that this city, which is invariably Democratic by a large margin in state elections and national elections, is Republican most of the time in municipal elections—

which only goes to show that too much stock cannot be placed in the municipal election vote when it comes to the state-wide contests.

Mr. Donahue, the chairman of the Democratic state committee, worked hard for the re-election of Peter J. Murphy to the Boston city council from Hyde Park. Clement A. Norton, superintendent of the Commonwealth pier, won the place with comparative ease, after having outguesed and outsmarted Mr. Donahue. The Democratic leader was joshed on all sides as a result of this contest and his prestige suffered a rude shock.

From the Republican standpoint, the municipal elections gave evidence that there is plenty of work ahead if the party is to continue to hold the state government.

From the Democratic standpoint, the same elections have given considerable cause for optimism and encouragement for further efforts.

Both parties may be said to have suf-

"The question of jurisdiction as to which city department has authority to instal pedestrian islands and safety zones has been overcome by the fact that we recommend the work and the Public Works Department does it."

#### Chamber's Belief

Deploring "the appalling record of accidents to pedestrians upon the highways of Boston," the chamber's committee states its belief "that it lies within the province of the commission, or of the departments represented upon the commission, the traffic activities of which the commission is expected to coordinate, to attack this problem in an effective manner."

Its letter declares that "we should anticipate that, if the recommendation is adopted, a program should be laid out whereby 250 or more intersections or other locations would be designated annually at which the installation of one or more of the above devices would be effected. At the end of the five-year period 1250 or more intersections would thus be afforded pedestrian protection, so far as these physical devices can do so."

"We present our recommendation at this time and respectfully urge its immediate adoption, because we understand that city departments are preparing their budget estimates for 1930," the letter continues. "A large part of the cost of the work which we suggest would be included in the budget. But whether the cost is to be met in part by loan orders or entirely by the current tax levy, we suggest that the present is an opportune time in which to make the decision and commence the preparation of plans."

"The need for the adoption of the program recommended is shown by the Police Department records of highway accidents."

## 5-YEAR PROGRAM RECOMMENDED

### C. of C. Gives Suggestions

on Traffic

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Gifford LeClear, chairman of the traffic control and safety committee of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, has recommended to William A. Fisher of the Boston Traffic Commission the adoption of a five-year construction program involving the installation of four devices which, it is believed, will reduce materially the hazards encountered by pedestrians.

Pedestrian safety islands at intersections, safety zones at street car stops, pedestrian crosswalk markings, and traffic signal light systems, either at isolated intersections or in progressive systems along main routes, in which pedestrian protection is clearly defined, are the four features the chamber asks for.

Traffic Commissioner Fisher said: "We heartily endorse these suggestions and they are already being planned and some are under way. Mr. LeClear is one of our finest citizens and most helpful aids, and he has given a great deal of intensive study to the situation and understands conditions clearly. Mayor Nichols 10 days ago signed the order giving us \$100,000 for the installation of signal lights at isolated intersections outside the downtown district. We ordered the signal lights as a result of our studies two years ago of conditions on Commonwealth and Massachusetts avs, when we recommended this improvement."

"For the past four months we have been painting pedestrian crosswalks and center lines and traffic lanes and we also have been putting down metal markers. Pedestrian safety zones are being installed every day and eventually we hope to establish a great many more."

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## MANSFIELD DISCLAIMS COURT PLEA

Has Merely Asked for  
Recount for Any  
Irregularities

Frederick W. Mansfield at his political headquarters, yesterday, disclaimed reports which stated that he would appeal to the courts Tuesday morning to contest the election of former Mayor Curley by a majority of over 19,000 votes.

### MERELY FOR RECOUNT

He declared that he did not plan to take the election to court, but merely petitioned for a recount by the Board of Election Commissioners to determine whether there were any irregularities in the votes cast for Mayor.

He followed this course of action, he said, because information had been brought to his attention regarding alleged irregularities and it was his

desire that the people of the city should be satisfied as to the exact totals.

Mr. Mansfield has organized a staff of 16 workers, who will observe the second counting of the ballots during the next eight or 10 days.

### Start Tuesday Morning

Mayor-elect Curley has also completed the work of organizing a staff of observers to attend the recount proceedings, which will be held at the central office of the Election Commission at City Hall Annex, starting Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. Under the law, each of the candidates will be permitted to have two representatives in attendance for each ward in the city.

On the first day the Election Commissioners expect to start the recount in the first eight wards out of the 22. While the mayoralty recount is under way, they will also go over once more the vote cast in the school committee contest for William A. Reilly, Dr. Charles E. Mackey and James A. "Jerry" Watson, who finished second, third and fourth, respectively, in the original count. This was requested by Dr. Mackey, who lost second place and a seat in the school board by 665 votes.

At the same time, the commission will recount the votes cast for City Council in Ward 2, Charlestown; Ward 7, South Boston, and Ward 8, South End, where the candidates who finished in second place, filed recount petitions.

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# BOSTON'S NEXT MAYOR ADmits HE IS A BOOKWORM

James M. Curley Never Goes to Bed Without Reading at Least  
Two Hours—No Uncut Leaves on Shelves of His Library



A LITTLE KNOWN JAMES M. CURLEY, HAPPY WITH PIPE AND BOOK

By CHARLES A. MERRILL

A stranger in Boston heard the voice of James M. Curley booming out of the loud speaker and was struck by the polished rhetoric and classical quotations of the Mayor-elect.

Visitors are always impressed when they are thrust under the spell of Mr Curley's magnetic platform presence, his deep, musical voice and his mastery of the English tongue.

Friend and foe alike agree at least on this, that the voters have chosen a Mayor who will reflect credit on the city in the formal functions attending the reception in Boston during the coming year of a record-breaking throng of pilgrims from the country beyond New England. The Tercentenary celebration and the numerous national conventions which will convene here seem to guarantee such a pilgrimage.

Boston is prepared for the emergency. It has drafted an official spokesman whose command of the English language is in keeping with its proud cultural traditions.

Literary polish is not generally absorbed in a career which starts in wardroom and political club. Gov Smith, strongly equipped in other directions, revealed in his Presidential campaign a weakness in rhetoric.

Where did Curley absorb what Gov Smith lacks? The formal education

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of Boston's longest-tenure Mayor ended with the grammar grades and two years at night school.

#### The Key to the Puzzle

The first room on the right as you enter the big brick Curley domicile on Jamaicaway gives the key to the puzzle.

The first room on the right is Mr Curley's library.

Its walls are lined on all sides, floor to ceiling, with the best that has been produced in English literature from the Bard of Avon down to modern times.

Nor are there any uncut pages on the Curley shelves. There were some when he picked up the books, rare editions many of them, bought at sales by the Mayor-elect who discovered that oftentimes previous owners had possessed them for the sake of appearances, never evidently having had any curiosity as to what lay between the covers.

If literary taste and familiarity with the English classics were a major qualification for public office, there are few university-trained citizens who could compete with James M. Curley.

The man who is about to enter City Hall for his third cup of coffee was born with certain personal qualities useful in a political career; his platform skill he learned in the rough school of ward politics, but his rhetoric he got out of books.

It seems grotesque to visualize the dominant political figure in Boston as a book lover. People think of him as the rough and ready organizer of popular majorities, as being in his natural element only when handling personal contacts.

By his own admission, Mayor-Elect Curley is most at ease in the world of literature.

#### Two Hours a Day

On the morning after the votes were counted, he sat in an easy chair in the front room of his house, walled in by books, and talked to callers from the Globe.

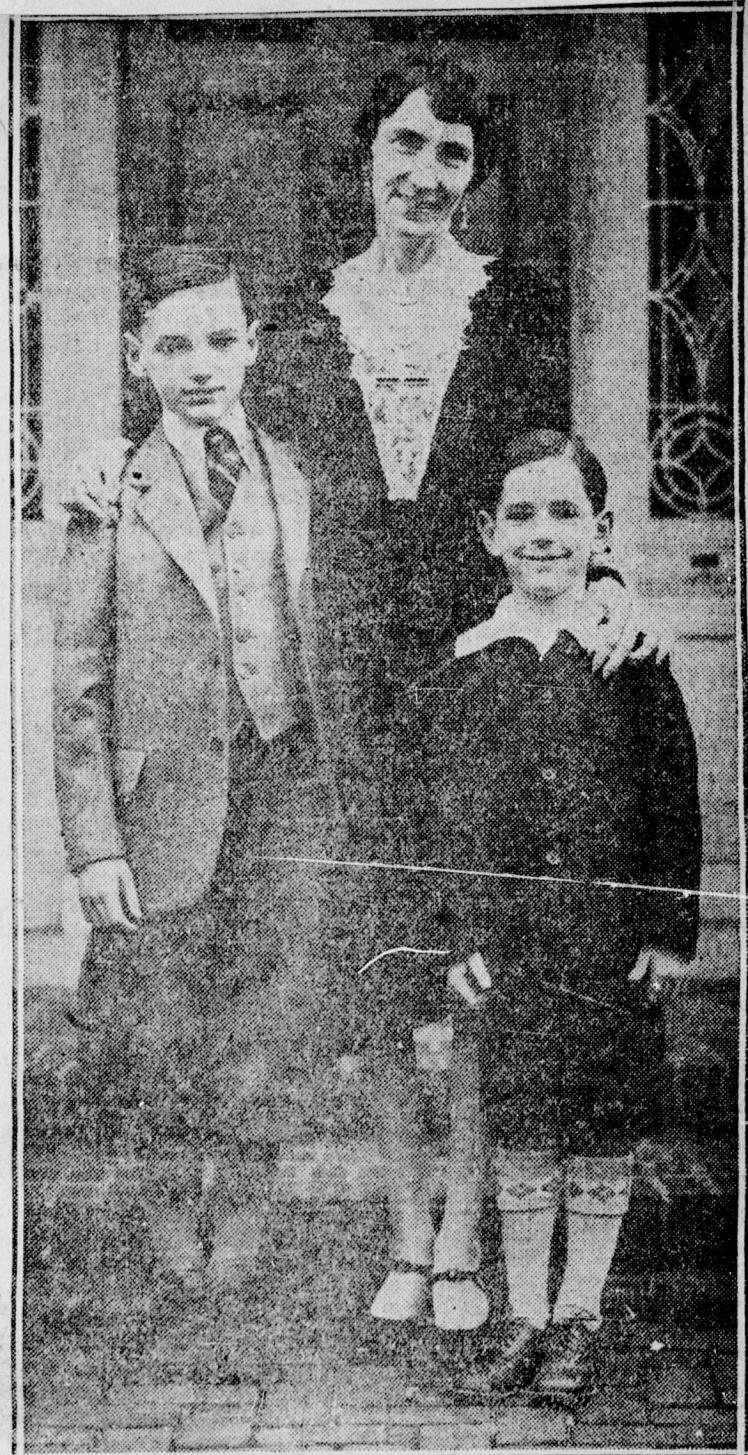
"For 25 years," he said, "I never went to bed without reading for at least two hours."

"But the pressure of a public career encroaches on a man's leisure."

"Everybody feels free to come to your house and take up your time."

"They bring me a recital of their woes and tribulations," he remarked, somewhat wearily, "and they are just the same as my own, only differing in degree."

Telephone calls and messenger boys delivering a deluge of congratulatory telegrams to the victor interrupted the



MRS CURLEY WITH TWO OF HER SONS, GEORGE AND FRANCIS

interview, and in the course of a half-hour there were startling interruptions outside, two minor automobile accidents, caused by the craning of necks to catch fleeting glimpses of the best known house in Boston, as traffic streamed by along Jamaicaway.

Always an edifice of interest to passersby, with the spotlight on it, the Curley residence has almost created a traffic problem since the election.

On the morning alluded to, one motorist crashed plumb into a tree squarely in front of the next Mayor's front doorstoop. No personal injury resulted, but the impact and the crash of breaking glass brought Mr. Curley

bareheaded out on the sidewalk. A few minutes later, a driver scraped the front mudguard of another automobile.

#### With Pipe and Book

Back in his library again, his mind redirected to the question of his rhetorical skill the Mayor-elect thanked his lucky stars for the impulse which led him early in life into contact with the great literary minds of the ages.

He remembers when he couldn't make a speech of more than five minutes' duration for lack of ideas and inspiration, and laughingly recalled the time 30 years ago when no member of the Tammany Club, himself included, feeling competent to deliver a

long address, the leaders went abroad looking for an orator. They finally secured a spellbinder on the Charles- st mall, who talked 1½ hours to the club membership on the advantages of the single tax.

Relaxed by his own fireside, the Mayor-elect is a quiet, soft spoken, leisurely, family man. Curley, the home body, with his pipe and his books, seems to have little in common with the nervous, aggressive, turbulent Curley of the political arena.

A visit sends one away speculating as to which is "the real James M. Curley."

"I suppose," he went on, "that I got my training in public speaking 30 years ago in the Tammany Club. We had meetings once a week, and as president of it, I came in contact with perhaps two thirds of the people in old Ward 17. The actual membership was only about 500, but its influence must have reached 5000."

#### I Had to Have Ideas

"It was really a debating society, and a man could not take an active part in this without acquiring some skill in extemporaneous speaking.

"At first, none of us could speak at great length. We had to go outside the club to provide for our short-comings. As president, I realized that I must keep the organization interested. I had to have ideas.

"I began then to delve with a good deal of energy into old and current literature.

"As I look back on my school days, it seems to me that I developed the reading habit very early. Like many others, I soon discovered that there was nothing of value to be retained from the Diamond Dick school of fiction.

"Magazines have never sufficed for me. The trouble with that kind of printed material is that it only serves you while you are reading. You don't retain very much.

"As a boy in the Dearborn School, I used to go to the library for books. Reading develops like any other habit. It's a habit, that's all, and all habits, helpful or injurious, once formed, are not easily broken.

"Literature has always been a spur and incentive to me. I was fortunate to acquire the reading habit. It has served me as a substitute for a formal education, but has also been a constant joy and consolation."

The Mayor-elect rose and reached for some of his prized editions. He exhibited a valuable edition of Thackeray, one of those he said he had picked up at a sale with many of the pages uncut. Another was the rare Log Cabin edition of Nicolay and Hays' "Lincoln."

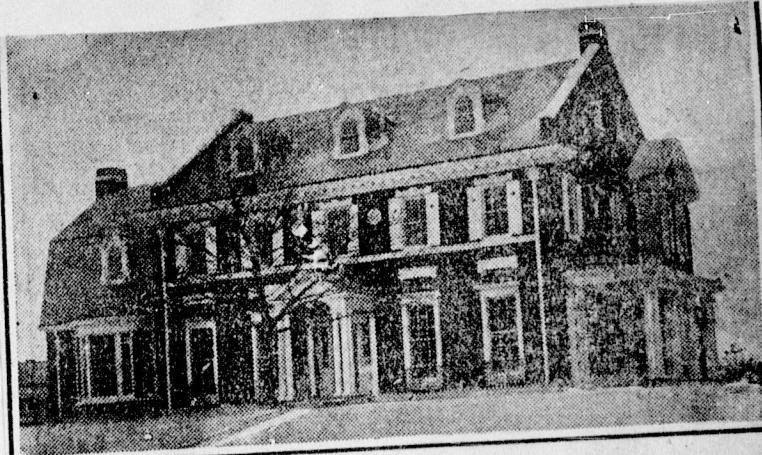
#### His Boon Companions

Every shelf testifies to the discriminating taste of the owner. Modern writers are mostly conspicuous by their absence in the Curley library. Claude Bowers, brilliant biographer and recreator of political drama, being one of the few thus honored.

Shakespeare, Thackeray and Scott, Emerson, Hugo and Dumas, the memoirs of Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin, Dr. Elliot's Five-Foot Shelf, Motley's "History of the Netherlands," and, O yes, another modern work, Beveridge's "Life of John Marshall"—here are the boon companions of Boston's perennial Mayor, who seems always to have a quotation from Shakespeare or Emerson on the tip of his tongue.

"Here," continued Mr. Curley, "I can honestly say I have found true pleasure and relaxation.

"I suppose many adults in the United States, perhaps most of them, do not read more than two books a year. It's a pity."



THE HOUSE THAT EVERYONE KNOWS

So many drivers turn to look at the Curley house on Jamaicaway that there are frequent auto collisions at the spot.

"During my last four years in office I tried to induce the school and library authorities to place a library in every large schoolhouse and in every high school, so that unconsciously boys and girls may develop the reading habit. That was my experience. If you provide a library for 5000 pupils, perhaps 2000 of them will start reading. It's a sure fire investment in education that cannot fail to pay dividends."

#### Sometimes Disconcerted

Though he seems on stump and platform to be a picture of blissful self-confidence, and few have ever heard the silver tongue falter or trip, Mr. Curley frankly admits that audiences sometimes give him the cold creeps by their failure to respond. He says he is easily disconcerted by such little things as the expression on one or two faces in the front row at a public gathering.

"Several years ago," he said, "I went with the Corporation Counsel and some of the members of the Maritime Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce to Troy, N. Y., where we discussed with the Chamber of Commerce leaders and New York State officials the proposed opening of the old Erie Canal, and the development of trade with the West for New England.

"Whilst we were there, we were invited out to speak before a college audience of girls. It was an extremely trying experience for me. It wasn't because the girls were immature or inattentive. I couldn't tell quite what it was that disconcerted me, but I never felt that I was effective with that audience.

"When I can identify one or two inattentive or disapproving persons in an audience, I always ignore the others, and concentrate on trying to hold or convince the troublesome few. "I recall in the last campaign addressing a women's meeting in Dorchester.

"I had been warned in advance that the audience would be all Republicans

"When I started speaking I noticed two ladies down front on whom I seemed to make absolutely no impression. They evidently did not mean any offense, but they carried on private conversation while I was talking.

#### Moves Them at Last

"I made up my mind to bring them around, with the result that instead of talking only 30 minutes, as I had planned, I had to keep going for more than an hour. At the end of the hour I felt I had succeeded. The two ladies were at least giving ear to the justice of my cause."

The most responsive audiences are always found in the cities, says the city-trained James Michael Curley, and he does not believe his difficulty in reaching small town and country audiences is because of any fundamental cleavage between urban and rural America. He is convinced that non-urban people are just naturally undemonstrative. To support his view he related a personal anecdote.

"In the preconvention campaign between Woodrow Wilson and Champ Clark," he said, "Senator Joe Robinson and I went down to address a gathering for Clark in a small town in Maryland.

"The meeting was at 3 in the afternoon and the hall was crowded.

"I spoke first. I talked half an hour without getting as much as a handclap. When I finished there was just a fair round of applause.

"I turned to Robinson and said: 'My ammunition must have been wet, it's up to you.'

"Robinson is one of the most entertaining raconteurs in Washington. He told those people what struck me as one side-splitting colored dialect story after another. I didn't see even the flicker of a smile out in the audience. At the end there was another moderate outbreak of applause.

"As we were leaving I offered to wager a box of cigars with Robinson that Clark wouldn't get 100 votes in that town. The town voted the next day. There were 760 votes. Wilson got 70 of them and Clark 690."

#### He Has a Hobby

Popular legend to the contrary, Mayor-elect Curley has a hobby or two and is not immune to the lure of certain standardized recreations. He is a golfer, with membership in three clubs, Wollaston, Scarboro and the South Shore Country Club, a course which is conveniently near his summer cottage at Hull.

Having always as a boy had to work in his leisure hours, he never learned to play either football or baseball, and admits that college gridiron contests have little fascination for him, though he attends the Harvard-Yale and Boston College-Holy Cross meetings every year. The professional baseball parks see him only on formal occasions when as Mayor he has to open the season by tossing out the first ball.

Like most self-educated men, Mr. Curley is giving his children all the schooling they can stand.

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Few of them like him any better personally than they did in the days when they were fighting him. The Mayor-elect knows well that this unanimity of Democratic support came to him only for strategic political reasons. But even at this he can hardly ignore the deep obligation he is under for their united support.

#### WITH CURLEY FOR STRATEGIC REASONS

The whole situation revolves around the outlook for the 1930 election. The Democrats believe, and with good reason, that they can capture the governorship next year and perhaps a good part of the State ticket to boot. They will surely make gains in the Legislature.

With this prospect in view, unity among the Democrats, particularly in Boston, was imperative. A dangerous split here, with the possibility that Boston might not be able to return a thumping Democratic majority in 1930 had to be avoided at all costs. This drove the leaders into the Curley camp. They realized that a Curley victory was probable even without them and they felt they must be regular.

Some months ago it looked also as if the senatorial seat of Senator Gillett would fall into the hands of the Democrats in 1930. There are many reasons for believing that, if Alvan T. Fuller had remained out of the fight, any strong Democrat could have won. But when Governor Fuller gave positive indication of running for the Senate, Democratic hopes were suddenly deflated. There was a general disposition among Democrats to believe that Fuller could not be beaten and they might as well let him have it.

The Democratic attitude is that a Fuller victory would be a more severe blow to the Republicans, and actually do more to demoralize the party, than the election of a Democrat would. A Fuller candidacy for the Senate on the Republican ticket would help the Democratic campaign for the State ticket. This is a curious state of affairs, but true, nevertheless.

#### DEMOCRATS FAVOR FULLER VICTORY

A Fuller victory would be gall and wormwood to the present Republican leaders in the State and also give the Republican Senate chiefs the horrors. So, many Democrats argue, the party would be better off with Fuller in the Senate (and the nominal Republican leader of the State) than with a Democrat. The Democrats would much prefer to win the governorship than the senatorial seat.

Therefore, there are few Democrats eager to run against Fuller. Almost anyone can have the job if he wants it badly enough.

The Democratic governorship nomination is an entirely different matter. There the chances of victory loom up strongly and the nomination is decidedly attractive. There will be many candidates in the field.

Without doubt, John F. Fitzgerald will, in due course, announce his candidacy. There have been reports recently that he might not care to make the run but these can be discounted. He is positively a candidate. For some time it has been rumored that ex-Mayor Peters is a candidate with strong backing. The friends of General Edward L. Logan want him to make the run and are pressing him very hard to consent. James J. Phelan, the well known banker, who is very powerful in the party, has been widely talked about as a man who could get a large number of Republican votes as well as hold the Democratic vote. The Rev. Roland D. Sawyer, who has been long in the Legislature, is a candidate and there are several others who would like to make the run in so favorable a year.

Of these candidates, at the moment, John F. Fitzgerald is undoubtedly the strongest and the one most likely to win in the primaries. Curley, who will be all powerful in Boston, can hardly refuse to support Fitzgerald after the latter's work for

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him in the campaign. In fact, Fitzgerald was more responsible than any man for the solid lineup of leaders back of Curley.

The candidate who carries Boston by a good sized margin in the primaries has a great advantage over the other candidates. The fact that Fitzgerald is known personally to so many voters all over the State gives him a big advantage. As matters stand now he is the most likely nominee.

#### EXPECT CURLEY TO BACK FITZGERALD

Some of the enthusiastic Curley men insist that Curley will be the Democratic candidate for Governor next year. They declare that his chief ambition is to sit in the Governor's chair, and he would be in a far stronger position politically in 1930 than he would be in 1932 with the end of his term approaching.

However, a Curley candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Governor would involve the party in an extremely bitter fight which would end in the nomination not being worth much. While Curley has made no promises it is logical to suppose that he would back Fitzgerald in return for what Fitzgerald did for him.

What makes the Democratic outlook for the State campaign in 1930 so rosy is the way in which various large cities are swinging emphatically to the Democratic party. Even the once rock-ribbed Republican city of Somerville, where a few years ago a Democrat never had a look in, can now be considered safely Democratic. The Democratic gain in the cities has been so great that the Republican town strongholds can hardly be counted upon to pull the Republican ticket through as they could three or four years ago.

At the present rate of gain it will not be long before the Democrats may expect a complete State ticket victory.

#### P. S. A. SHOWS GREAT STRENGTH

One of the features of the city election was the strong hold the P. S. A. has again acquired on the school board. Only one non-P. S. A. member is left. The two winners last Tuesday and two hold-over members of the board are P. S. A. choices. Unlike the G. G. A., the P. S. A. has held its strength. It has so successfully kept out of the limelight that its leaders are virtually unknown. It is doubtful if the political reporters could name more than two or three P. S. A. leaders.

This situation renders the P. S. A. very difficult to attack. Most of the voters know practically nothing about the organization and can't get excited about criticisms of it. The P. S. A. manages to collect enough money for the campaigns and seems to spend it shrewdly.

In the school board elections the field is usually cluttered up with a number of anti-P. S. A. candidates, thus splitting the vote and allowing the massed P. S. A. vote to count heavily. While a G. G. A. nomination gets the nominee very little a P. S. A. nomination is extremely valuable.

#### ONE ODD FEATURE OF CAMPAIGN

It is remarkable how fascinating the prospect of a seat on the school board is to the young Democratic politicians. The old-timers can hardly understand it since, in a political sense, a school committee service rarely leads to anything else. In fact, it is apt to be more of a handicap than a help politically. A politician can make a lot of enemies during service on the school board. Yet the young Democrats seem to think that a school committee fight offers them the best chance for the beginning of a political career.

One reason for this is that most of them are politically weak in their own wards or districts. They know they have no chance to break into a contest for a seat in the House of Representatives or in the City Council but with a city-wide contest they might have luck enough to pull off a place.

Thus it happens that the old-timer is rarely attracted by a school committee place. As was the case on Tuesday, the field consists in the main of budding young politicians making their debuts as candidates. This accounts for the wild and woolly nature of most of the campaigns.

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# PAVES WAY TO STATE VICTORY

Curley's Election Makes Democratic Triumph Next Year Possible—Little Hope of Beating Fuller

BY JOHN BANTRY

When a candidate for Mayor of Boston is beaten by more than 19,000 votes it may sound ironical to say that he made a good run; 19,000 votes is a tremendous margin of victory for a Boston mayoralty contest. No mayor in recent years has been chosen by so large a margin.

Yet, considering the enormous handicaps he faced, Mr. Mansfield made a good run, a far better one than most of the political observers figured he would. On the line-up and considering the conditions during the campaign, a Curley victory by 30,000 or more would have been in line with the general political sentiment.

Mansfield was totally without any valuable support, the sort that gathers in votes by blocks. Virtually no political leader able to deliver was with him.

The Good Government Association has been sliding down hill for several years and has about reached bottom as a political power. So feeble is the association that Curley's jibes at the "G. G. A. bosses" during the campaign were greeted with smiles.

Mansfield could have done as well without the G. G. A. endorsement as with it. The G. G. A.'s contributors have fallen off to such an extent that it has little cash to spend on a campaign. The association left Mansfield high and dry after endorsing him. On the showing in this campaign, the G. G. A. is about done. In fact, only the old-timers now know who the G. G. A. directors are.

A good many Republican votes which formerly went to the G. G. A., went to Curley this year. While Charles H. Innes, according to his statement, voted for Mansfield, the Innes organization was pretty much pro-Curley.

## CURLEY'S POLITICAL "BULL"

Mansfield was never able to get a real start in the campaign. The last Curley administration ended four years before and Mansfield could not manage to stir up any old memories. The best shot in his locker was the argument that Curley already had enough, and that argument was not strong enough.

In fact, the Mansfield supporters probably had no hopes that their candidate could win by the force of his own arguments. They banked more on the impetuous Curley making enough verbal "breaks" in the campaign to beat him. All through the campaign the Mansfield people watched like hawks for some devastating "bull" in a Curley speech.

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It came at the very end of the campaign in Curley's surprising attack on Mrs. Barron. He made this attack on the spur of the moment. His usually keen political brain slipped a cog. Mrs. Barron had not been prominent at all during the campaign and there was not the slightest reason for Curley to even comment on her speech.

When he launched out on his bitter attack his best friends were amazed. They had conveyed to him the most impressive of warnings during the campaign against any of these off-hand attacks. The veriest novice in politics listening to that radio speech by Curley's, could tell instantly that the candidate had made a frightful mistake.

That mistake, so remarkable for a veteran of Boston politics like Curley, cost him thousands of votes. At one stroke he must have cut 10,000 off his majority. Had he made the blunder a week before he would have won by far less than 19,000.

#### VOTERS RESENT ATTACKS ON WOMEN

His statement that when women go into politics they must stand on the same ground as men is logical enough. There should have been no such keen resentment over an answer to an attack made by a woman if politics bore any relation to logic. But voters are still sentimental about women in politics. They still feel they should be immune from any harsh rebukes. The general feeling is that a woman speaker can say about anything without being called publicly to account for it.

Some women voters feel even more strongly on this matter than the men. They demand the same chivalry in politics as in social life and when Mrs. Barron was attacked they resented the idea that a man should criticise a woman in public.

Of course, Mr. Curley should have known this. Probably he did know it but figured he was so far ahead he couldn't lose and decided to have the satisfaction of one grand slam at Mrs. Barron. He had it, but at considerable expense.

Earlier in the campaign he made several breaks which might have cost him dearly, such as his very untactful jibe at Louis K. Liggett, had his opponents been alert to capitalize them with the resultant publicity.

There have been various reasons given for the pitifully weak showing of Daniel H. Coakley. The Mansfield supporters expected Coakley to poll 25,000 to 30,000 votes, most of which they felt would be taken from Curley. When the Coakley support collapsed there never was a chance that Mansfield could make a close fight of it.

#### WHY COAKLEY FAILED TO GET VOTES

Coakley was more of an entertainer than a political orator over the radio. He interested large numbers of people intensely. The Coakley speeches probably got much more attention among radio listeners than those of Curley or Mansfield. But the Coakley speeches were the kind that do not make votes. They might turn votes from Curley to Mansfield, but at the same time not give the hearers the urge to vote for Coakley. There have been other campaigns in Boston history conducted along the Coakley lines which have attracted wide attention and a tremendous volume of cheers, but very few votes. The Coakley campaign was the Tom Riley campaign of years ago, with the same result.

It must be said, however, that Coakley in his speeches by his frequent and laudatory reference to Mansfield gave the impression that he would be quite as well pleased if his hearers cast their votes for Mansfield. He had very little to say about himself and no doubt his friends decided that a vote for Mansfield would be the most sensible way to record their opposition to Curley.

Now that Curley is safely landed for the next four years all the local Democratic leaders with him, many of whom had fought him with the utmost personal bitterness throughout his political career.

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# GAIN OF 16 FOR CURLEY IN RECOUNT OF VOTE IN 35 OF CITY'S 339 PRECINCTS



RECOUNTING BALLOTS CAST IN BOSTON CITY ELECTION

Seated—Commissioners Patrick H. O'Connor, Mrs Nina N. Gevalt, Frank Seiberlich and James J. Mulvey, Margaret Lang, stenographer; Henry E. Lawler, John J. Mahoney, stenographer for Mayor-Elect Curley. Standing—Francis J. Murray, Samuel Silverman, assistant corporation counsel; David B. Shaw, Thomas E. Goggin, Theodore A. Glynn, Hale Power, William M. McMorrow, Daniel Gillen.

A net gain of 16 votes for Mayor-elect Curley was established when the vote of 35 of the city's 339 precincts had been retabulated by 5 o'clock last night, at the close of the first day's session of the recount being conducted by the Election Department, in City Hall Annex.

In the recount of the vote for second, third and fourth place in the School Committee vote, Dr Charles E. Mackey scored a net gain of 24 votes on William A. Reilly, seemingly elected on first returns to the second School Committee vacancy. Ex-Councilor James A. Watson's total vote in these 35 precincts was unchanged by the recount.

Yesterday's score increased the Curley plurality over Mansfield to 19,708, and deeply pleased those Curleyites who bet their champion would carry the city by 20,000.

Of the thousands of ballots recounted in the city's first eight wards only 161 were protested to the Election Commission, which gave immediate decision, unanimously, to which neither the Curleyites or Mansfieldites took exception in any case. Of these protested ballots, 128 were votes for Mayor.

## Figures Which Losers Expect to Change in Recount of Ballots

The results announced after the Boston municipal election on Nov. 5 of the contests in which recounts are now being held were as follows:

### FOR MAYOR

James M Curley .....	116,463
Frederick W Mansfield .....	96,946
Daniel H Coakley .....	2,868

### FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Second Place)

William A Reilly .....	45,005
Dr Charles E Mackey .....	44,340
James A Watson .....	42,657

### FOR COUNCIL, WARD 2

Thomas H Green .....	5,216
James J Mellen .....	4,246

Scores of politicians, big and small, entered the department during the day and peeped through windows at the

recounters. None was admitted to the working area except by card, of which each interested candidate was given half a dozen, for observers.

Out through this throng, during the afternoon, passed one of the Election Commissioners. A "pol" accosted him with the question: "What do the Mansfield people expect to find in this recount?"

"I don't know," wistfully returned the commissioner. "A couple of dead bodies, I guess." Everybody roared.

Inasmuch as Mr. Mansfield has issued a public denial that he intended to carry the Curley election to the courts, or that he believed gross irregularities had characterized the election, the Curley followers generally accept the detailed story that is going the rounds to the effect that two well-known Republican leaders brought about the recount of the Mayoral vote, with the hope of turning up something that might discredit the Curley gubernatorial candidacy three years hence.

The recount will go on daily, except Saturday, from 9 to 5, with lunch period from 1 to 2. The commission is hopeful that 50 precincts a day can be recounted, and that the job will be finished by a week from today.

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# Day Before Observed by Vets in Roslindale

With impressive religious ceremonies in which Mayor-elect Curley and other notables joined, the celebration of Armistice Day was begun yesterday in Boston.

Today it is continued throughout Greater Boston with parades, banquets, dedication of war memorials and a public tribute of silence as expressions of patriotic fervor in the 11th anniversary of the end of the World War.

At religious exercises in Sacred Heart church, Roslindale, yesterday, arranged by Rev. John F. Cummins, pastor, and John T. Fallon Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the sermon was preached by Rev. Richard Blackburn Washington of Hot Springs, Va., great-grandnephew of George Washington.

The mass at 11:30 a. m. was preceded by a brief parade in which the Fallon Post veterans and veteran delegations from Boston, Everett, Milford and Stoughton were escorted by a mounted squadron of Troop A, 110th Cavalry, M. N. G., under Capt. Richard Blair and a detachment of marines from the navy yard. Before the altar were massed the colors of the various posts and companies.

## NOTABLES PRESENT

Mayor-elect Curley, his son, James, and his daughter, Mary, were among those present, while Maj. Frederick Breen represented Gov. Allen and George H. Johnson represented Mayor Nichols. Cong. and Mrs. John W. McCormick, Edward Dana, general manager of the Boston Elevated; Dist. Atty. William J. Foley and Asst. Dist. Atty. Frederick Doyle also were present.

Among the visiting clergy were Mgr. P. J. Supple, of St. Hugh's Church, Roxbury; Rev. Edward T. McNally, chaplain of Fort Banks, representing Gen. Preston Brown, commander of the First Corps Area; Rev. Henry E. Lennon, of Milford N. H., and Rev. F. A. Howley, O. P., of Providence.

Fr. Washington, who extolled the virtue of patriotism in his sermon, was later presented with a gold medal by Fr. Cummins as the gift of Fallon Post, of which he was made an honorary member. Taps were sounded at the close of the mass and "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung.

those spots Curley received setbacks which he probably now contemplates with resentment.

Dan Coakley, bitterly opposed to Curley and waging a campaign exclusively of tirades against Curley, was a surprise of another sort. His vote was negligible. His theory is that he helped to drive voters to Mansfield.

Across the river in Cambridge there occurred another surprise, and now the public is looking over rather carefully a scion of the Russell family who fulfills the tradition of his ancestry by achieving election to the office held by his grandfather and his father before him. Charles Theodore Russell was Mayor of Cambridge from 1861 to 1863; William Eustis Russell, the famous Billy Russell, who was three times Governor, held that Mayoralty in 1885. Now Richard M. Russell has achieved the remarkable feat of displacing Mayor Quinn, who has held the office for seven terms. The victory commands attention throughout the State. The public wonders if a new Democratic leader is looking on the horizon.

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## CURLEY TO GO BACK TO HIS OLD OFFICE

Mayoralty Getting to Be a Habit  
With Bostonian, Who Wins  
His Biggest Majority.

## STATE WATCHING GOODWIN

New Chairman of Massachusetts  
Finance Committee Wants Vote  
on Auto Insurance.

By F. LAURISTON BULLARD...

Editorial Correspondence of THE NEW YORK  
TIMES.

BOSTON, Nov. 7.—With the opening of the new year, James Michael Curley will take office for the third time as Mayor of Boston. The campaign ended with a garrison finish on Monday night, with all three candidates scurrying about the city in a desperate attempt to speak in every one of the twenty-one wards before midnight.

Next day the expected happened, only more of it than had been looked for. Curley won his greatest victory by his most decisive majority and he now will occupy through the coming quadrennium a more commanding position as a Democratic leader than he ever has held before. No more effective and tireless campaigner has appeared in many years in Massachusetts.

The predictions of those who thought that the rapprochement among the several leaders who had long been at odds was all merely window dressing and that their respective followers would allow their spleen full expression in the solitude of the voting booths, were badly discounted. If the Boston Democrats maintain their present apparent unity they may count for a good deal in coming campaigns in the State which Al Smith carried last year, a victory due in considerable degree to the work of the Mayor-elect.

The Good Government Association candidate, Frederick W. Mansfield, did well. He made an unexpectedly aggressive campaign and he achieved surprising results—in spots, and in

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# BOSTON PROVES BRIGHT MAGNET TO CONVENTIONS

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**Of Scores Listed for 1930 62  
Are Rated Among Largest in Country**

Of the scores of conventions to be held in Boston in 1930 by national and regional organizations, 62 are listed by the convention bureau of the Boston Chamber of Commerce as being among the "larger" gatherings of the year, having an estimated attendance running into the thousands, from all parts of the country.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs and the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs are to meet in January, with about 1800 expected to attend. The National Association of Harpists, Inc., plan to meet here March 3-4, with about 200 attending. The Eastern Art Association, with 1500 expected, will meet April 23-25. The International Textile Exhibition is to meet April 28-May 3. The American Society of New England Women are to meet May 6-8, with 250 expected. The International Association of Police Women plan to meet in the spring, the date not being definitely fixed as yet.

On May 7-8, the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias are to meet in Boston with 350 expected to attend. The Centennial Legion gathers May 31-June 3; the international convention of the American Federation of Musicians, May 19-25 with 500 expected; the National Probation Association, in May, with 400 present; the National Safe Deposit Association, May 22-24, with 500 attending; New England Order of Protection, Supreme Lodge, May 13, with 300 expected; Order of the Eastern Star, Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, May 14-15, with 2000 expected; Pythian Sisters, Grand Temple, May 7-8; Rebekah Assembly, May 7-8; Daughters of the Revolution in May.

In June the National Office Management Association are to meet in Boston; National Conference of Social Work, June 8-14; National Association of Master Plumbers of the United States of America, five days in June, with 10,000 expected; National Association of Reciprocity Clubs of America, in June; Afro-American League of North America, Aug. 17-18; International Photo Engravers' Union of North America, Aug. 18; American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, late in August, with 4000 attending.

The American Association of Railway Ticket Agents meets the week of Sept. 22, with 1200 attending; the American Legion, about Sept. 7, with 200,000 expected; National Guard Association of the United States, in September or October; Supreme Council Scottish Rite Masons, Sept. 15, with 1500 expected; United Typothetae of America, September or October, 1200 estimated attendance;

American Federation of Labor, Oct. 6-16; American Philatelic Society, Inc., Oct. 5-7, with 5000 expected, and the New England Road Builders' Association, Dec. 16, with attendance of 1200 expected.

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While 5000 persons stood outside Sacred Heart Church in Cummins Highway, Roslindale, unable to gain entrance to the already overcrowded edifice, an impressive Armistice Day ceremony was held in the church, with Rev Richard Blackburn Washington of Hot Springs, Va, great-grandnephew of George Washington, giving the Armistice Day sermon.

Preceding the military mass, which notables of all branches of the State and city Governments and many prominent clergy attended, 1000 veterans of 25 Foreign Wars and Legion Posts of Greater Boston passed in review before thousands of men, women and children through the streets of Roslindale.

## Cavalry Leads Parade

The march, headed by a squadron of Troop A, 110th Cavalry, M. N. G., and a detachment of Marines from the Navy Yard, moved from John F. Fallon Post, V. F. W. headquarters, at the old Roslindale railroad station, along South st to Walworth, to Belgrade av, along Corinth st, to Washington st, to Cummins Highway.

At the church the veterans passed in review before staff officers and clergy, including Fr Washington and Rev John F. Cummins, pastor of the church.

While the crowd was watching the review, another thrill was added by Lieut Robert L. O'Brien, superintendent of aviation of Massachusetts stuntin in a National Guard plane.

Rev Daniel C. Riordan of St Patrick's Church, Watertown, was celebrant of the mass; Rev Henry C. Reardon of Church of the Blessed Sacrament at Jamaica Plain was deacon and Rev James H. Downey of Sacred Heart Church was sub deacon. Rev John J. Hart of the Sacred Heart Church was master of ceremonies and music was rendered by the Young Men's Catholic Association Glee Club of Boston, led by Thomas J. Hurley of the Board of Street Commissioners. Lawrence B. O'Connor was organist and Louis A. Neal soloist.

## Colors Massed on Altar

On the altar were massed the colors of the various posts and companies and at the consecration the flags were dipped. "Taps" was sounded with the roll of drums at the elevation of the host.

Among those attending were:

Mayor-elect James M. Curley, his son, James Jr. and his daughter, Miss Mary Curley; Maj Fred Breen, representing Gov Allen; George H. Johnson, representing Mayor Nichols; Congressman and Mrs John W. McCormack; Edward Dana, general manager of the Boston Elevated; Dist Atty William J. Foley, Asst Dist Atty Frederick T. Doyle, Charles A. Birmingham, president of Boston College's alumni; George E. Curran, exalted ruler; Thomas Lockney of

the Boston Lodge of Elks; Francis A. Finnegan, president of the Democratic Club of Massachusetts; James Powers of the Governor's Council; Inspector Michael Morrissey.

Among the visiting clergy were Rt Rev Mgr P. J. Supple, Rev Edward T. McNally, chaplain at Fort Banks, representing Gen Preston Brown, commander of the 1st Corp Area; Rev Henry E. Lennon of Milford, N H and Rev F. A. Howley, O P, of Providence.

Before Fr Washington ascended the pulpit to deliver the Armistice Day sermon, in which he stressed the virtue of patriotism, he was presented a gold medal by Fr Cummins, the gift of Fallon Post, of which he was made an honorary member.

## Fr Washington's Sermon

"Of all of the emotions which well up in the human heart, none is more beautiful, more nearer divine, than that of love," Fr Washington said. "And of all the forms which love can take, none is more noble, more grand, more inspiring than that of love of country. It is like a divine fire."

"It is because of your love for America, your devotion to your country, that you are gathered together today. Your presence here is the outward expression of that inward passion which burns within your hearts, that spark of divine fire which flames within your souls.

"With a glorious heritage and remembering those heroes who in past times gave themselves for America, you sprang to arms in answer to your country's call, content that your bones should whiten in the fair land of France if from the rich red blood of your hearts might spring up the flowers of liberty and justice and right for all nations and victory for America.

"Not all are here today who sailed with you on that fateful and memorable voyage. There are those whose hearts will no more quicken to the sound of fife and drum, whose eyes will no more behold the glory of the heavens and of the earth. For they have gone into the land from whose bourne none return. No light of holy candle brightened their pathway into eternity—no passing bell sounded their going. The glare of rocket and flash of bomb—the roar of cannon and scream of shell ushered them into the Great Unknown. With their hearts filled with a high and holy ideal, with their eyes envisioning a world in which justice and peace should reign forever, they made the supreme sacrifice. 'Greater love than this hath no man, that a man lay down his life for his friends.'

"They died not simply that a particular battle might be won, not simply that the war might be won, not simply for the physical triumph of one Nation over another. They died that justice and peace might reign over their own Nation and all other Nations."

# Curley's Lead Grows in Recount of 14 Precincts

**Net Gain of 26 Votes—Check Begins Under Eyes of Police and Agents for Mayor-Elect and Mansfield**

WMA 14 precincts counted before the election commissioners adjourned for lunch today, Mayor-elect James M. Curley showed a net gain of 26 votes. The recount was on petition of Frederick W. Mansfield, defeated candidate for mayor and is being held in City Hall annex.

#### BIG INCREASE IN ONE PRECINCT

In precinct 1 of ward 4, the original count gave Curley 256, while the recount gave him 292. Mansfield was given 258 in the original count and but 256 in the recount.

In ward 1, Mansfield gained one vote, in ward 2, six votes, in ward 6, one vote, in 7, one vote, and in ward 8, 13 votes. In ward 3 Curley gained one vote, in ward 4, Curley gained 26 votes, and in ward 5 he gained 11 votes. Curley supporters predict that the total will show a gain for Curley of 200 votes.

#### FEW BALLOTS PROTESTED

The first eight wards of the city were the first to be taken up. There are two clerks representing the election commissioners at each of the two tables where the ballots are being examined, and 16 counters each for Mayor-elect Curley and Frederick W. Mansfield.

Atty. William M. McMorrow was on hand to represent Curley. Atty. Francis A. Murray appeared for Mansfield. Assistant Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman looked after the interests of the election department.

Chairman Frank Lawler of the Democratic committee came in the room shortly after the recount was begun.

So far but few ballots have been protested. One of them was that of a ballot cast for Curley in ward 4. This ballot had a pencil hole through it, evidently inadvertently made by the voter in marking his ballot. The election commissioners allowed the ballot to stand.

Several Republican women voters from ward 5 were on hand when the recount was started. A number of policemen were on duty inside and outside the department offices. State Senator Michael J. Ward, who brought the petitions for a recount on the part of Curley, was also present.

#### CURLEY RAPS LIGGETT

Curley broke his silence in respect to the recount when he told a group of his campaign workers that Louis K. Liggett, Republican national committeeman for Massachusetts, had inspired it. He charged that Liggett was seeking to disrupt the Democratic party in preparation for the 1930 campaign.

Curley referred to Mansfield and Daniel H. Coakley, second defeated mayoralty candidate, as agent of Liggett, and said Gov. Allen and the Republican party would be held accountable if the opposition was permitted to continue "its cheap politics."

Both the Curley and Mansfield camps are prepared to fight the battle of the recount of the vote to a finish. The feeling in the large room in the election department where the recount is being conducted was tense. Both the mayor-elect and Mansfield are expected to be present at times during the recount.

#### NOT A "CRY BABY"

Mansfield has declared that his action in asking for a recount and anything that may follow it is not to be understood as the act of a "cry baby," and that if there is any reflection cast on the party he is sorry for it.

He also declared that with nearly 100,000 supporters, he felt duty bound to show them the exact status of the vote and to investigate alleged irregularities

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#### EAST BOSTON DISTRICT

Good-sized delegations were turned out by the Lieut Lawrence J. Flaherty and Orient Heights Posts, A. L., in the Armistice Day parade in the city day.

Police of Station 7 were given a scare about 11:30 last night when the burglar alarm in the Newton clothing store on Meridian st was set off accidentally. The trouble was caused by a defective window curtain.

While patrolling his beat early last night, patrolman John Countie of Station 7 discovered a brisk fire on the second floor of the three-story wooden dwelling, 66 Liverpool st, and sounded an alarm from box 6152. Firemen made short work of the flames. Damage was placed at \$250.

Rev Samuel L. Eberfeld, pastor of the Unitarian Church on Marion st, has extended an invitation to the members of Noddle Island Lodge, A. F. & A. M., to attend divine services at his church at 10:30 next Sunday.

It is stated on good authority that Former City Councilor William C. S. Healey, an ardent worker in the ranks of Mayor-Elect James M. Curley during the last election, will be among the new Mayor's official family. Mr. Healey was editor of the City Record under the Peters administration.

#### Only an Audit

Denying rumors which in some quarters have been given ridiculous prominence, Frederick W. Mansfield declares that he has not the slightest intent to make any prolonged legal contest of the results of the recent election in Boston. It is true, of course, that he has asked, and will forthwith secure, a recount of the ballots. But beyond this step he has no present purpose to move. Mr. Mansfield does not contemplate any attempt to gain a court order impounding the ballots, or to institute judicial proceedings which might last until Christmas if not until the Fourth of July.

The public, we feel certain, will welcome this reassurance. A simple recount, calling for an accurate review of the balloting, can do no harm and may do some good. On general principle it is healthy to have such an audit from time to time, serving to remind over-zealous political workers—of all parties and for any individual candidate—that honesty is the best policy in a public election in the United States of America. On the other hand, captious endeavor to overturn the result of an election won, as last Tuesday's contest was, not by a narrow margin but by a substantial majority, would be a procedure highly displeasing to American public opinion, and we are glad that nothing of this sort is intended. Although the recount probably will uncover minor errors in the first counting and tallying, there is little reason to doubt that some of the mistakes will be found to have been made against Mr. Curley, offsetting some of those which may have been made in his favor. In any case, it is almost inconceivable that a decisive change of the result will ensue, and it would be only a complete change which could possibly warrant the expenditure of any large amount of time and effort in the premises.

Exaggeration seems to have played its part also in some published reports affirming that the demand for a recount had jeopardized the success of the referendum calling for a reorganization of the Boston Schoolhouse Commission. No technical complications exist which are of a sufficiently serious nature to create any real risk of this sort. And even if there were technicalities of a difficult sort now standing in the way, public opinion, and the law as well, would demand that these be overcome. Any official who might attempt to stand in the way of an act of the General Court which has been expressly ratified by a two to one ballot of the voters of Boston, must needs spend a good part of the rest of his life trying to prove that his resistance was the result merely of temporary insanity.

# Curley's Lead Increases as Recount of Vote for Mayor Gets Under Way



Officials and observers at the election commission's mayoralty recount. Seated, left to right, Patrick H. O'Connor, Nina M. Gevalt, Chairman Frank Seiberlich, James J. Mulvey, Miss Margaret Lang, stenographer; Henry E. Lawler, chairman of the Democratic city committee, and John J. Mahoney, stenographer for Curley. Standing, left to right, Francis J. Murray, attorney for Mansfield; Assistant Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman, ex-Election Commissioner; David B. Shaw, Frank Kiernan, ex-Election Commissioner Thomas Goggin, Theodore A. Glynn, Hale Power, William M. McMorrow, attorney for Curley, and Asst. Dist.-Atty. Daniel Gillen.

## Mayor Walker in Boston for Day "Jimmy," Here Unofficially, Finds Time to Have a Word with Newspapermen

Mayor James J. Walker of New York city was in Boston today, on his way back to New York after a few days at Magnolia, where he was the guest of Daniel C. Mulloney, president of the Federal National Bank of Boston. Mayor Walker arrived in Magnolia Saturday night for a few days of quiet in which to prepare his plans for the next four years at head of the largest city in the world.

Although this was an unofficial visit, Mayor Walker found time this afternoon to be interviewed and photographed by Boston newspapermen, before attending a luncheon with friends at the Ritz-Carlton. He had planned to leave tonight on the eight o'clock train, but on being told that there was a new show opening here said that he might stay and take that in before returning.

"Jimmy," and to meet him a moment is to feel you can call him that, stopper

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into the group of waiting photographers and reporters with a smile and remarked, "Well, what do you want of me." To the chorus of "interview" and "photograph," he grinned. "I'm reconciled to it, although your offices will have so many photographs of me, they'll be charging parking space."

Asked about the stock market, Mayor Walker said, "Whatever it was appears to be due to speculation. The great industries of the country are substantial—the most substantial in the history of mankind. You and I don't care what they rattle up and down a board, there are still railroad tickets to be bought, there is still electricity needed. The great danger that might come would be a greater supply of labor than the demand. But there seems to be no reason for that to happen."

As for his future plans, Mayor Walker said he has no presidential ambitions. "Now you know how smart I am. I'm not thinking of anything but being the best mayor the city ever had." Questioned about his administration plans, he added, "That's what I've been up here working on. They are to be announced at the merchant's dinner on the 19th, and if I give them to you now, they'll be rather flat, won't they?"

Other questions followed in rapid succession. "Yes, I know Mayor Curley and like him very much." "The next election? Why think about it? The people aren't thinking about it, why should I?" "I believe in preparedness, have an adequate national defense and hope we won't have to use it." "Censorship?—I'm against it."

At this point the photographers began to hint about editions, and Jimmy stepped out of the hotel to be photographed. "Go over to the Public Garden and we'll get you taking your exercise there," suggested one.

"I'll do anything but feed the swans," remarked the genial mayor as he crossed the street. Passersby stopped to look at the procession, more than a half dozen newspaper folk headed by a short, slender youthful looking man in powder blue suit, with tie, shirt, handkerchief and even eyes in harmonizing hues. Mayor Walker was truly the well dressed man of the town.

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# CURLEY GAINS IN RECOUNT

## CURLEY GAINS IN RECOUNT OF FIRST 14 PRECINCTS

First Eight Wards Give Mansfield 26 More and Ex-Mayor 38

Today's opening session of the mayoralty recount gave Mayor-elect James M. Curley a net gain of 12 votes over Frederick W. Mansfield.

When the election commissioners adjourned for lunch at 1 p.m. Mr. Curley had gained 38 votes to Mr. Mansfield's 26 in 14 precincts scattered through the first eight wards.

Mr. Curley's representatives predicted upon the basis of this gain that the winning candidate would increase his plurality at least 200 votes in the total recount.

Mr. Curley made his greatest gain in Precinct 1 of Ward 4, where Mr. Mansfield lost two votes and the winning candidate gained 24, a net gain in the precinct of 26.

For the first time in history a ballot which did not contain a printed name was found. The ballot sheet had printed blanks on the inside, but the voter had written in the names of James M. Curley for

mayor and J. Frederick Curtin for city council.

The commissioners ruled that the ballot should be counted.

The offices of the election commissioners in City Hall annex were crowded when the counting began by assistant commissioners seated at eight tables.

For each of the tables there were two representatives of both mayoralty candidates, as well as representatives of the three concerned with the recount in the school committee election.

Atty. Francis Murray, who petitioned for Mr. Mansfield, superintended the defeated candidate's checkers, while William A. McMorrow, former city collector, represented the interests of Mr. Curley.

James A. "Jerry" Watson, defeated School Committee candidate, whose vote is being recounted with that of Dr. Charles E. Mackey, another defeated candidate, on Dr. Mackey's petition, was the only candidate concerned to appear in person at the morning session.

William A. Reilly, one of two winners in the School Committee race, is seeking through a recount to determine why he polled a few votes in South Boston, his home district.

In behalf of Mr. Mansfield, Atty. Murray was expected to file with the commissioners petitions from the 22 wards of the city for the names of the 216,000 citizens, who voted Tuesday.

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## CURLEY GAINS 191 VOTES IN 35 PRECINCTS

Mayor-Elect James M. Curley gained 191 votes yesterday in the first 35 of the city's 339 precincts in a recount of the mayoralty vote. His plurality over Frederick W. Mansfield was thereby increased from 19,517 to 19,708.

Tabulations of the official returns disclosed that Curley had not been given credit for 175 votes on election night in the police returns sent to police headquarters from the 339 polling places.

In the second counting of the ballots Curley gained 25 votes and Mansfield 9, giving the mayor-elect an additional net advantage of 16.

It was estimated that the recount which was first requested by Mansfield, one of the two defeated candidates, would not be concluded until Nov. 22.

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# CURLEY IN BROADSIDE AT LIGGETT

Holds Him Responsible for Campaign "Low Methods"

**MANSFIELD, COAKLEY ONLY "SATELLITES"**

Says Liggett is Starting State Fight a "Year Ahead of Time"

Mayor-elect James M. Curley last night laid at the door of Louis K. Liggett, Republican national committeeman from Massachusetts, the responsibility for the recount and the threats to contest in the courts his election as Mayor in the face of a plurality of nearly 20,000.

The moves made against Curley were branded by the Mayor-elect as "the low methods of Louis Liggett, the disappointed national committeeman, who has started the Republican State and national campaign a year in advance through his agents, Frederick W. Mansfield and Daniel H. Coakley."

## WELCOMES RECOUNT

He expressed the opinion that the campaign is being carried on by his enemies without the knowledge or consent of Governor Allen and the regular Republican State organization, contending that it will injure rather than aid them in the next election.

The Mayor-elect stated that he personally welcomed the recount, which will open at 9 o'clock this morning before the Board of Election Commissioners at City Hall Annex, promising that a second tabulation of the 216,000 votes cast for Mayor will reveal an even larger plurality for him.

But he condemned the allegations of illegal voting, irregularities at the polls and violations of the corrupt practices act, as the "amateur efforts of disappointed Republicans to besmirch

the fair character of Boston throughout the State and all over the land for political purposes in the coming campaign."

## Says Tactics Will Fail

Such tactics, he asserted, will fail to divide the Democracy of Massachusetts which was united in the successful campaign for former Governor Smith. On the contrary, he declared, they will strengthen the party and assure the election of a Democratic Governor and another Democratic Senator.

The Mayor-elect issued his statement, following a conference with the 16 representatives who will serve as observers at the recount proceedings today, when the ballots cast in the first eight out of the 22 wards of the city will be recounted.

Frederick W. Mansfield, the defeated candidate for Mayor, also held a conference with his workers who will represent him at today's session at City Hall. In addition to the mayoral recount, the election commission will also go over the ballots cast for school committee, and the City Council in Ward 2, Charlestown; Ward 7, South Boston; and Ward 8, South End.

## Curley's Statement

"The recount," said the Mayor-elect, "cannot mean anything but a gain in the Curley plurality. Because of a lack of party organization, there was a preponderance of Republicans behind the rails in the city election.

"Coakley's statements about making trouble in the courts, clearly indicate that Liggett has started the State and National campaign for next year a little too early. I do not believe that he has the approval of Governor Allen and I am inclined to believe that his tactics will be helpful rather than injurious to the Democratic party if the proceedings are carried out.

"So far as I am concerned," stated the Mayor-elect, "I not only welcome the recount, but even a subsequent investigation into some of the practices of my opponents in the recent campaign. From what I have been able to learn from people with whom I have spoken, the public is of one mind in considering it the cheapest character of politics ever witnessed in this city.

## Hits at Liggett

"It strikes me," declared the Mayor-elect, "that we will have to run a line between public life and the type of politics instituted by the amateur, Liggett, and his two satellites, Mansfield and Coakley. The Governor and the Republican party will be held accountable if this brand of campaigning is permitted to continue.

"I personally believe that Liggett is starting the national campaign a year ahead on his own initiative and through his two local agents without the knowledge or consent of Governor Allen or the Republican party.

"The Republican leaders will soon know that this attempt to destroy the unity of the Democrats here under Governor Smith will serve as a boomerang. The action of Liggett will be repudiated by the fair Republicans of the State. The sooner they get rid of him the better for the the Republican organization if it hopes to continue as a forceful minority party."

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# NO THOUGHT OF GOING TO THE COURTS

Mansfield Asks for Recount to Lay Rumors

Frederick W. Mansfield, defeated mayoral candidate, last night, at his residence, 15 Elm Hill avenue, Roxbury, made a personal denial of any steps for court action being contemplated by him relative to the recount he has asked for in the recent election of ex-Mayor Curley, who was declared winner by over 19,000 votes.

## NO SUCH IDEA

"I cannot understand where any reports or rumors might have originated that I would appeal to the courts to contest the election of Mr. Curley, or to take any steps to have the ballots impounded," Mr. Mansfield remarked. "As a matter of fact, I haven't even dreamed of such a thing. My main interest now, as far as the recount goes, is to have determined whether or not there were any irregularities in the votes cast for Mayor."

Mr. Mansfield reiterated that he petitioned the Board of Election Commissioners as a result of information given him relative to alleged irregularities. He states it is his desire that the people of the city should be satisfied as to the exact totals. In the recount, however, the defeated candidate is confident that Mr. Curley's victory margin will be somewhat sliced.

"Of course," added Mr. Mansfield, "there is no telling what might develop out of this recount, but to be perfectly frank and honest about the matter, I have nothing at all in mind in so far as court action might be concerned."

The recount proceedings, to be held in the central office of the Election Commission at City Hall Annex, will begin at 9 a. m. tomorrow. Each candidate will have two representatives from each ward in the city present for the recount. It is expected the recount will require about three days.

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## EDITORIAL POINTS

Defeated candidates in the recent Mayoralty election in Boston are said to be preparing a legal contest of the result, proving that their congratulations to Mr. Curley immediately after the election were not entirely heartfelt.

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checker. Representatives of the candidates involved sit or stand and watch the count. In a case where they protest the vote, because of faulty marking or other objectionable appearance of the ballot, that ballot is taken to the Election Commission for final judgment as to how the vote shall be counted.

The ballots were brought upstairs as needed from the cellar vaults where they have been impounded since election night. Four detectives watch the ballots from the time they leave the vaults until they are returned.

The city's first four wards will be recounted today. The recount sessions are from 9 to 1, and from 2 to 5.

William Reilly was, on first returns the winner of the second seat on the School Committee. But Messrs Mackey and Watson were not so far behind Reilly.

Francis J. Murray, will file with the election commissioners, petitions from 22 wards of the city for the names of the 216,000 citizens who voted on last Tuesday. The petitions, each with the required 10 signatures, were ready last night and are to be presented today.

Mansfield supporters are loathe to reveal their plans and confine their hopes to the uncovering of irregularities which may lead to court action. The registered election lists will be demanded as soon as the recount is completed, they say, and then will begin a systematic check-up of many of the citizens who are shown as voting in the various wards. They are frank to admit the tediousness of the task, but see it as the only means in checking on the number of irregularities that they say have been reported to the headquarters since Tuesday. One of the specific cases they charge is that a man, dead in the City Hospital, will be shown on the lists as voting.

The cry of "repeaters" and non-resident voters has also been taken up. Ward 3 has been the centre of a series of such charges, with residents of Cambridge and Somerville figuring. Attempts will also be made, it is believed, to show names carried on the lists which are duplicated in two or more wards in the city. Some of Mansfield's enthusiasts predicted last night that the recount will close the gap of 16,000 votes to a measurable extent. Their only comment on how it will be accomplished was the volunteered statement that "gross errors may have been intentionally made in reporting the count in several of the wards."

The understanding that court action will follow the recount was echoed yesterday by Mansfield supporters. Their action has created much stir in Democratic ranks. Democratic leaders in the city have asked continually that the whole matter be dismissed. Their pleas have been based on a warning that a court airing will undermine Democratic strength in the coming state election and weaken the solid front which carried Massachusetts for Al Smith.

At the outset Mr. Mansfield declared his action in asking for the recount and any of its attending action must not be misconstrued as the act of a "cry baby." Any reflection it cast on the party he felt sorry for, he said, but with nearly 100,000 supporters he felt duty bound to show to them the exact status of the vote and investigate irregularities that his workers reported. At the time he said the first cry of the Curley forces would be that he was "delivering the Democratic party in Boston over to the Republicans."

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## CLAIMS RECOUNT DUE TO LIGGETT

*H.H.V.*

Curley Charges G. O. P.  
Leader Seeks to Hurt  
Democratic Party

## RECHECKING VOTES TO START TODAY

Taking formal notice for the first time of the contest against his election, Mayor-elect James M. Curley yesterday told a group of his campaign workers that Louis K. Liggett, Republican national committeeman for Massachusetts, had inspired it. He charged that Liggett was seeking already to disrupt the Democratic party in preparation for the 1930 campaign.

Curley referred to Mansfield and Coakley as agent of Liggett and said Gov. Allen and the Republican party would be held accountable if the opposition was permitted to continue "its cheap politics."

The Curley statement, made after he had first refused to be drawn personally into the controversy, indicated the tense feeling as the Curley and Mansfield groups prepared for the recount of the vote for mayor which begins this morning at the election commission. Curley and Mansfield both plan to attend.

With Mansfield will be 16 counters for the eight tables where the ballots will be reviewed. As provided in a petition, filed shortly after the Mansfield recount was asked for, there will be a similar number of observers to care for the interests of the mayor-elect.

Definite action on the registered election lists is promised this afternoon by Mansfield supporters when his counsel,

yesterday, Mayor-elect Curley had gained 191 votes, bringing up his plurality from 19,517 to 19,708.

Of this gain, 175 votes resulted from the failure of a police officer to send the full returns to City Hall election night, while 25 votes resulted from the second counting of the ballots. Mansfield gained nine votes at the close of counting the first 35 out of the 339 precincts of the city, giving Mayor-elect Curley a net gain, not counting the 175 votes due to the negligence of the police officer, of 16 votes.

At the rate of speed attained by the counters yesterday, it will be fully 10 days, in the opinion of the election commissioners, before the total recount is completed.

Dr. Charles E. Mackey of South Boston, third place man in the school committee fight, cut down the lead of William A. Reilly's plurality by 24 votes to 641. The recount of James A. (Jerry) Watson, who finished in fourth place, remained unchanged.

Very little change was seen in the city council recounts and Councilmen Thomas H. Green of Charlestown, William G. Lynch of South Boston and John F. Dowd of Roxbury, held their margins at the completion of the first 35 precincts.

In 34 cases, voters who intended to vote for Curley had their ballots thrown out by the election commissioners for placing the cross below his name instead of at the end of his name. The commission followed the rule set in the case of a Worcester mayoralty fight some years ago. At that time Philip J. O'Connell, now a superior court justice, lost 17 votes because the crosses were placed under his name, the last on the ballot like Curley's and the election resulted in a tie. O'Connell won in the special election that followed.

In six cases, voters marked crosses beside the names of two candidates where only one was to be elected and 10 others marked their crosses so that they intersected the line, invalidating the ballot in all instances.

Attys. Francis A. Murray and Edmund Mansfield directed the Mansfield checkers yesterday, while Atty. Henry Lawler, president of the Democratic city committee; Representative William H. McMorrow and former Fire Commissioner Glynn directed the checkers of Mayor-elect Curley.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman acted in an advisory capacity for the board of election commissioners and not a single protest was reserved by either the Curley or Mansfield representatives at the proceedings, both sides abiding in every instance by the unanimous decision of the four members of the election commission.

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## CURLEY WINS 191 VOTES IN COUNT

*H.H.V.*

### Mayor-Elect Makes Big Gain, Mansfield Nine On First Day

## DR. MACKEY CUTS 24 OFF REILLY'S VOTE

*H.H.V.*

At the conclusion of the first day's recount of the mayoralty figures under the direction of the board of election commissioners,

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# Predict 200 Curley Gain in Recount

Representatives of Former  
Mayor Look for an In-  
creased Majority

Net Gain at Noon 12

Curley Picked Up 38 Votes and  
Mansfield 26 in Fourteen  
Precincts

Prediction was made today by representatives of former Mayor Curley that the plurality of 19,517 given to Curley by the returns on election night, Nov. 5, will be increased by approximately 200 votes as the result of the mayoral recount started today in the central offices of the Board of Election Commissioners in City Hall Annex. When election officials recessed for luncheon at one o'clock, the ballots of fourteen scattered precincts in the first eight wards of the city showed a net gain of 12 votes for Curley.

One of the outstanding changes was a net gain of twenty-six votes by Curley in Precinct One of Ward 4, over his leading opponent Frederick W. Mansfield. In the review of votes in the fourteen precincts Curley picked up thirty-eight votes as against twenty-six added to the total given Mansfield in these precincts in the returns on election night.

A number of protested ballots were passed upon by the election commissioners, included among them being one on which the printer had failed to print the names of the candidates on the inside of the ballot. According to election officials, this is the first incident of the kind in the history of the department. The voter receiving this ballot wrote in the names of James M. Curley for mayor and J. Frederick Curtin for the City

Council, and the board allowed the vote for these candidates to stand.

Six uniformed policemen were on guard when the recount was started at about 9:25 o'clock. Nearly 200 expectant spectators crowded the lobby of the election department, but were not allowed inside the offices where the rechecking was conducted. There was no confusion at the start of the retallying which is expected to take six to eight days before completion.

## Candidates Represented

Frederick W. Mansfield, Curley's leading opponent in the mayoral election, who first petitioned for a recount, was represented by Attorney Francis J. Murray, while Curley, who filed a recount petition subsequent to the Mansfield request, as a precautionary measure, was represented by William A. McMorrow, city collector in the last Curley administration. Each candidate also had two observers at each of the eight tables in the review of the ballots which were brought up, under police guard, from the basement vaults where they have been under constant guard by Curley and Mansfield representatives ever since the recount proceedings were started.

Under direction of Chairman Frank Seiberlich of the election commissioners, the ballots in the first eight wards were first taken up for recount, two assistant registrars at each of the eight tables making the official review. The retallying of the ballots in blocks of fifty each as they were filed away in envelopes by the precinct officers on the night of election disclosed only minor changes in the early hours of the recount.

While the recount was proceeding the election board sat in another office prepared to pass on protested ballots sent in from any of the tables. Early protests developed in examination of a block of

fifty from Precinct 1, Ward 4. The rulings of the board resulted in a "no vote" on a ballot originally counted for Curley. On another ballot showing a hole apparently made by a pencil in the mayoral column, but with a well-defined cross against Curley's name, the board ruled the vote stood for Curley.

## Vote for School Committee

Coincident with the retallying of the mayoral vote, the assistant registrars also rechecked the vote for school committee on petition of Dr. Charlse E. Mackey, who was defeated for second position by William A. Reilly by about 600 votes. Mackey's petition also provided for a recount of the vote of James A. (Jerry) Watson, who was given fourth position in the election night returns. Reilly also petitioned for a recount in the two South Boston wards.

Chairman Seiberlich announced that the recount would be resumed promptly at nine o'clock tomorrow morning, following adjournment of the session today at five o'clock.

The board took no action with relation to certification of the vote on the schoolhouse referendum, which has been delayed because five precinct books were left in the ballot boxes on election night. The board, however, may ask consent of the candidates involved in the recount to remove the necessary books from the various boxes tomorrow so that the City clerk may be officially notified of the two-to-one passage of the referendum which accepts legislation abolishing the existing schoolhouse commission and creating a new board of commissioners on school buildings.

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## The Recount

FREDERICK W. MANSFIELD, defeated candidate for the mayoralty of Boston by nearly 20,000 votes, adds little, if anything, to his prestige by his demand for a recount.

He has a legal right to take this action. It is a means toward determining if there has been any wrong-doing in the election.

None denies that Mr. Mansfield is entitled to a recount if he so desires. To protect his own interests, to have his own watchers on hand, Mayor-elect Curley has gone through the formality of asking a recount, but only after Mr. Mansfield made his application.

Mr. Curley was elected by the majority of persons voting at the city election. The people of Boston have chosen him as best fitted to conduct the affairs of government for the coming four years.

If Mr. Mansfield is prompted only by a sense of good citizenship in his asking for a recount, we are in accord with his point of view. But if the demand for a recount is made merely to harass Mr. Curley, we think the move not only silly but malicious.

There is serious business at hand, the conduct of the affairs of the city of Boston for the best interests of the city. Give the city a rest for a while from petty politics.



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# CURLEY MAKES GAIN IN RECOUNT FIGURES

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RECOUNTING VOTES IN CITY HALL ANNEX

## GETS 14 MORE IN 14 PRECINCTS

Dr Mackey's Vote Jumps  
49 in Ward 7

A net gain of 14 votes for Mayor-Elect Curley was scored in this forenoon's session of the recount of the city vote of a week ago today at the Election Department's City Hall Annex offices.

The Curley gain was made in scattered fashion over 14 precincts, the count of which was finished by adjournment at 1 o'clock. Curley established a much greater gross gain, but some gain was also made in the Mansfield vote to offset this. Curley's greatest single gain was in Ward 4,

Precinct 1, the Innes South End ward, where Curley gained 49 votes over his first-reported total.

In the recount of the School Committee vote, involving only William A. Reilly, winner of second place, Dr Charles E. Mackey, who finished third, and James A. Watson, fourth, Dr Mackey scored a net gain this forenoon of 49 votes in a single precinct of Ward 7, South Boston.

The session opens a task which is expected by Chairman Frank Sieberlich of the Election Commission to consume eight or ten working days. In cases of contested ballots, the commission will give immediate rulings.

There was a corps of attorneys for both the Curley and Mansfield camps in attendance and Asst Corp Counsel Samuel Silverman advised the Election Commission.

Starts at 9 O'Clock

Recount of Boston's vote for Mayor, for second, third and fourth places in the School Committee contest, and in the Green-Mellen fight in Charlestown, began this morning at 9 o'clock in the Election Department's City Hall Annex offices.

Before the department's official tabulators set to work, Chairman Frank Seiberlich warned all representatives of interested candidates, present as watchers, that they might look upon, but must not touch, the ballots upon which the electorate has written its will.

Each interested candidate was given two tickets of admission to the recount, one for himself or his agent, another for his lawyer or any second person he chooses.

### Sleuths Watch Ballots

The recount is being conducted on eight tables, at each of which sit an official tabulator and an official

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# Curley Gains 320 More Votes

## LEAD INCREASED BY 336 IN ALL

Recount Gives Dr Mackey  
Additional 100

In this forenoon's session of the recount of the Boston election vote, conducted at the Election Department's City Hall Annex headquarters, a net gain of 320 votes for Mayor-Elect James Curley was scored, which, with the 16 votes he gained in yesterday's recounting, established for him so far a net gain of 336 votes.

This net gain of 336, added to Curley's first official total of 116,463 votes, would give Curley a total of 116,799 votes. Thus Curley today, with only 53 precincts of the city's 339 precincts recounted, is within 200 votes of the 20,000 plurality over Mansfield, on which plurality margin many bets were made.

Mansfield lost 95 votes during the counting today, and Curley gained 225, making Curley's total gain for the forenoon session 320 votes.

The greatest turnovers today came in Ward 1, East Boston. In Precincts 6 and 7 of this ward, Curley made his greatest gains, while in Precinct 8, Mansfield was the gainer.

Dr Charles E. Mackey's vote for School Committee was increased by 100 votes, which he gained in this morning's recount, but William A. Reilly, seemingly elected on first returns, still has a strong margin in his favor.

TRANSCRIPT 11/13/29 TRAVELER 11/13/29  
**Curley's Lead  
Increases 336  
in Vote Recount**

Three Ward 1 Blocks, Cast for  
Former Mayor, Are Recorded  
for Mansfield

Former Mayor Curley's plurality of 19,517, as shown in the mayoral election returns on the night of Nov. 5, has been increased by 336 votes as the result of the recount in fifty-three of the 339 precincts in the twenty-two wards of the city. At this morning's session of the recount Curley picked up 320 votes in eighteen precincts over Frederick W. Mansfield, his leading opponent. The Curley gain yesterday was sixteen.

The bulk of the Curley increase today, in the second sitting of what is expected to be a ten-day recount session, came in Precincts 6 and 7, Ward One. In Precinct 7 two blocks of ballots which had been recorded in favor of Mansfield were found to be Curley votes and in Precinct 6 of the same ward one block which had been recorded for Mansfield should have been given to Curley. Mansfield lost 95 votes in this morning's recount, while Curley gained 225, making Curley's net gain 320.

In Precinct 7 of Ward 1, the original count gave Mansfield 425, as against 141 for Curley. The revised figures give Mansfield 326 and Curley 235, representing a net gain for Curley of 193 votes.

In Precinct 6 of Ward 1, the original count gave Mansfield 448 and Curley 203. The recount gave Mansfield 397 and Curley 251, showing a net gain of 99 for Curley. The former mayor picked up 28 votes in scattered precincts to add to the Ward 1 increases.

In the recount in the school committee contest, Dr. Clarence E. Mackey, who finished third, made a net gain of 100 votes in today's early session, making his total net gain in the recount to date 124, thus reducing William A. Reilly's plurality from 641 to 517.

336 ADDED TO  
**CURLEY MARGIN**

TU 13  
Mayor-Elect Gains Heavily  
in 18 Precincts Counted  
Today

With 53 precincts out of a total of 339 tabulated in the mayoralty recount at the board of election commissioners at the City Hall annex today, Mayor-elect Curley's total net gain is 336.

Mansfield's net loss is 95. Of the 18 precincts counted today Curley gained heavily, his total net for these precincts being 320. This, coupled with yesterday's gain, brought the grand total to 336.

In precinct 6 of ward 1, Curley gained 48 votes, while Mansfield dropped 51. Election day returns gave Mansfield 448; Curley 203.

In precinct 7 in the same ward another decided turn for Curley came when the commissioners found that Mansfield took a loss of 99 votes while Curley gained 94, giving the latter a net gain in this precinct alone of 193. Totals were: Mansfield, 326; Curley, 235.

It was said that the vote in this precinct was protested after the election count, but was sent in: Mansfield, 425; Curley, 141.

Very little changes were forthcoming in the school committee and council recounts. Dr. Charles Mackey of South Boston cut down William Reilly's lead by 24 votes, while Thomas H. Green in Charlestown, William G. Lynch in South Boston and John F. Dowd in Roxbury, all council winners, held their original margins.

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# NICHOLS TO SEEK 2D TERM

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## Will Run for Mayor Again After Four- Year Vacation

A definite statement by Mayor Nichols that he is contemplating trying to duplicate the political accomplishment of Mayor-elect Curley, by returning to the mayoralty chair four years from now, was made last night.

### THIRD TERM ALSO LIKELY

The Mayor, addressing the Business and Professional Women's Republican Club of Massachusetts in Lorimer Hall, Tremont Temple, dropped the word that, like Curley, he expects to take a "vacation" from the Mayor's chair and then return for a second, and possibly a third term.

His remarks were made while he was speaking of a Metropolitan Boston and came as the first definite word that he actually has in mind running for the Mayor's office four years from now to succeed his predecessor and successor in office.

### Plea for Metropolitan Area

"I say to you now," the Mayor declared in leading up to his announcement, "that it would be a good thing if there were a better system of government for the cities and towns of Metropolitan Boston. I mean those on the outskirts.

"I do not expect this view to be assimilated right off, but I hope by the time I am on my second or third administration the popular conception will have embraced this idea."

Tremendous applause greeted his statement.

About 400 members of the club were present for the meeting. The Mayor was the principal speaker, following a 15-minute talk by Mrs. J. Hasbrouck LeFevre on World Current Events. Mrs. Anna C. M. Tillinghast presided and introduced Mayor Nichols, who started his talk with a mild poke at the censorship situation. He said:

"I think this city is either Republican or else it is the most independent-thinking city in the world. There are 800,000 people in the city of Boston and 795,999 have different views on censorship. Mine is the last and remains undisclosed. But I have come to the conclusion that any Bostonian possessed of a clear conscience and a cheerful mind will sit on top of the world."

The first notice that the Mayor may have been considering an election campaign of the future was sounded when he started reminiscing on the days

when he was a reporter. In 1912, on the City Hall assignment, a fellow scribe suggested that "Brother" Nichols run for Mayor. Nichols quoted himself as having said "That's an idea, I will." He followed this up by explaining that in that way he had got nearly 20 years' start on his adversary in the election which placed him in office four years ago.

If this was the Mayor's feeling-out of Republican sentiments toward his future political prospects it was cleverly done. His keenly receptive audience was left quite free to reach its own conclusions. He analyzed the problems that confronted him when he first took office and stated what steps he had taken toward their solution. These were, namely: The disposal of city waste, the clearing of snow, the building up of the Boston Community Health Centres, the fire prevention problem and the police and traffic problems.

Speaking of his term the Mayor said: "I have added 500 policemen to the force. They have been extremely valuable, not only in handling traffic but in prevention of crime in that huge wave, due I suppose to the great post-war unrest. There is six times the amount of traffic now in Boston streets than there was a dozen years ago. This means congestion, wear on expensive pavements and danger to the citizens."

"The fire rates," said the Mayor, "are higher than they ought to be." The fire menace of a great city is one of the most profound problems that we can meet: I organized a fire prevention bureau. Our firemen go into all of the backyards and cellars of the city and where there is dangerous disposal steps are taken immediately to have it cleared away. These men make over 100,000 visits a year now, and I think that they have gone far toward cleaning up the city. This fire prevention service has cleaned up backyards and cellars so that the five million dollars a year that it used to be has dropped to about three million."

make any formal statement. They emphasized, however, that the recount of the mayoralty vote for which Mansfield petitioned and which will begin tomorrow is not expected by them to overturn the Curley plurality of more than 19,000. The recount will, they predict, uncover certain irregularities which will later be called to the attention of the courts.

The Mansfield men insisted, though, that the recount would substantially reduce the Curley plurality.

A new step agreed upon at yesterday's meeting was to file with the election commission petitions, signed by 15 registered voters in each of the 22 wards, asking certified copies of the voting list used in the city election. These lists will be used in an investigation to develop cases of alleged illegal registration and voting.

### HINT AT "SENSATIONS"

Mansfield men present at the meeting appeared aggressive. They hinted at "sensations" to come. They denied any interest in what Daniel H. Coakley may be doing along similar lines or that the Good Government Association has anything to do with their campaign. G. G. A. leaders say that whatever Mansfield is doing now, it is upon his own responsibility; that the G. G. A. has nothing to do with it. There appears to be some coldness between the Mansfield and G. G. A. representatives, the former expressing disappointment with the aid given by the organization to their candidate.

"We are past the question of signatures now," a Mansfield supporter said last evening. "Our job now is to find out who actually voted, out of those whose names are checked as having been voted upon."

The petitions for the certified copies of the lists will not be filed until after the recount, which is to begin tomorrow at 9 A. M.

"The question now is whether the count was correct and honest," said a Mansfield spokesman, "and whether any gross errors were made deliberately."

### WATCHERS AT EACH TABLE

One of the purposes of the conference was to complete the organization and instruction of the watchers who will be stationed at each of the eight counting tables in the election commission office in City Hall annex when the recount begins tomorrow morning. Mansfield and Curley will have two watchers at each table, totaling 16 representatives of each candidate.

Daniel H. Coakley will not be represented by watchers, as he is not a petitioner for a recount. Coakley's interest in the contest, although he himself maintains silence regarding his intentions, is said by those close to him to concern court proceedings, provided any grounds are developed on which to take the contest into court.

## HERALD 11/12/29 G. G. A. NOT WITH MANSFIELD NOW

Candidate and 100 Aides  
Secret Session—Hint at  
"Sensations"

## HOPE RECOUNT WILL BARE ILLEGALITIES

With Frederick W. Mansfield presiding, more than 100 of his close friends and campaign aides held a secret meeting of several hours yesterday afternoon at the Parker House to plan their contest against the election of Mayor-elect Curley. Mansfield's counsel, Francis J. Murray, attended to advise with regard to legal questions.

After the meeting, the leaders of the Mansfield campaign refused to

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# CURLEY'S PLURALITY INCREASED

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Gains 191 Votes as  
35 Precincts Are  
Recounted

## COUNCIL VOTE IS BUT LITTLE CHANGED

Mackey Gains 24 on  
Reilly for School  
Committee

BY WILTON VAUGH

The recount of the mayoralty vote cast in the city election turned into a boomerang for Candidate Frederick W. Mansfield yesterday at the opening session before the Board of Election Commissioners at City Hall Annex.

When the corrected figures for the first 35 out of 339 precincts were announced at the close of the day it was revealed that Mayor-elect Curley had gained 191 votes, boosting his plurality from 19,517 to 19,708.

Tabulation of the official returns made at City Hall by the precinct officers disclosed that Curley had not been given credit for 175 votes on election night in the police returns sent over the wire from the 339 polling places to police headquarters.

And in the second counting of the ballots which was started yesterday and which at the opening rate will continue for 10 days, Curley gained 25 votes and Mansfield gained nine, giving the Mayor-elect an additional net advantage of 16 votes. Adding this to the correction in the police returns, gave Curley a net increase of 191.

Dr. Charles E. Mackey of South Boston, who petitioned for a recount of the ballots cast for school committee, cut down William A. Reilly's plurality of 665 votes by 24. Unless he shows a stronger gain in the recount of the 304 remaining precincts, Mackey will not succeed in unseating Reilly. The recount of James A. "Jerry" Watson's vote, who finished in fourth place, remained unchanged.

## Council Vote Unchanged

There was very little change in the count for the City Council yesterday, for the first 35 precincts showed Councillors Thomas H. Green of Charlestown, John F. Dowd of Roxbury, and William G. Lynch of South Boston, holding their election night leads.

Not a single protest was reserved by either the Curley or the Mansfield representatives at the recount proceedings, for in every case they abided by the decision of the four members of the Election Commission.

Recourse to the commission was sought on 128 disputed ballots cast for Mayor. Thirty-four voters who went to the polls apparently to cast their ballots for Curley made their trips in vain. They marked their crosses under the name of the Mayor-elect, who was last on the ballot, and the commission ruled these votes out.

Three ballots were thrown out because the voters signed their names, thus divulging the secrecy of the ballot contrary to the State election laws. Only in cases, where the voter is challenged at the polls, may he sign his name on the ballot as a means of identification to prove later that he was qualified.

Six voters marked crosses beside the names of two candidates, where only one was to be elected, while 10 marked their crosses so that they intersected on the line, failing to reveal their preference.

In the Back Bay, three voters marked their ballots for Mansfield and then directly underneath attached stickers for a City Council candidate, invalidating their votes both for Mayor and City Council, because the stickers should have been placed under the list of Council candidates. In all these cases the ballots were thrown out by the commission.

Through a printer's error one side of a single ballot out of the total of 336,000 was left blank, and the voter instead of requesting another ballot, wrote "For Mayor—James M. Curley—X. For City Councillor—J. Frederick Curtin—X." This was ruled as legitimate by the commission, on the ground that it clearly indicated the intention of the voter.

While the cross has been considered as the usual symbol of a voter's choice, the commission also accepted ballots which were regularly marked with circles, checks or lines as definitely indicating the preference of the two voters.

In throwing out the Curley votes which were indicated by crosses under his name, the board followed the precedent established by the courts in 1900, when Philip J. O'Connell, now a Superior Court justice, was elected Mayor of Worcester, after a tie vote on the recount.

The court ruled that 17 votes cast for O'Connell, by means of crosses under his name, the last on the list, should not be counted. The court ruled that under the law the crosses should follow the name of the candidate. This ruling caused a tie vote and in the special election, which followed, O'Connell was victorious.

## BY ELLIOT NORTON

In a pulpit scarcely five miles distant from the spot where the Father of His Country took command of the Revolutionary army, a co-lateral descendant of George Washington, clad in the black robes of the Catholic priesthood—stood before 3000 persons, yesterday, to plead with simple fervor for peace on earth.

## INSPIRING SPECTACLE

In a veritable forest of battle flags that clustered about his head like a great, symbolic bouquet, with the eyes of a thousand veterans of three American wars fixed upon him, with cavalry sabres and infantry muskets glittering and glistening against a background of blue and khaki, he stood, the Rev. Richard Blackburn Washington of Virginia, to speak softly, with a simple eloquence born of sincerity, to preach the ancient sermon: "Love thy neighbor."

The occasion was the annual memorial mass of the John T. Fallon Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at the Church of the Sacred Heart in Roslindale. The spectacle was one of the most dramatic and impressive ever housed within the four walls of a Boston church.

Distinguished clergymen and leaders in civic life were present, scattered through the church. Mayor-elect James

M. Curley, with his son, James M., Jr., and his daughter, Mary, arrived early and were escorted to a seat at the altar side. Congressman and Mrs. John W. McCormack were in attendance, as was Edward L. Dana, general manager of the Boston Elevated; District Attorney William J. Foley and Assistant District Attorney Frederick Doyle; George H. Johnson, representing Mayor Nichols, and Major Frederick Breen, who represented Governor Allen.

Prominent clergymen of the archdiocese, including Monsignor P. J. Supple of St. Hugh's, Roxbury; the Rev. Edward T. McNally, chaplain of Fort Banks, who represented General Preston Brown; the Rev. Henry E. Lennon of Milford, N. H., and the Rev. F. A. Howley, O. P., were in seats of honor on the big altar.

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# CURLEY AND REILLY GAINERS IN RECOUNT

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## Latter Picks Up 96 Votes in Wards 4 and 5 in School Board Race

Small gains for Curley marked the recount of the Boston vote at City Hall Annex this forenoon, but they were so scattered it was concluded not to strike their aggregate until the day's tally was made at the close of work tonight.

Chief Asst Registrar Paul Kane did announce, as a sample, the figures for the completed recount in Wards 4 and 5, these two being the Innes South End ward and the Back Bay.

In the Innes ward Curley scored a net gain of 12 votes over the whole ward's first count, and William A. Reilly, who on the face of the first returns was elected to the School Committee, scored here a net gain of 53 votes. In Ward 5 (Back Bay) Curley scored a net gain of 20 votes and Reilly picked up 43 more votes than the total first accredited to him in this ward.

Edward J. Cain of Roslindale was the only one of the regular corps of 20 Mansfield watchers who showed up for work this morning, and he remained about two hours only. Although the Mansfield vote is being recounted along with that of Curley, Mansfield has no representative present now, inasmuch as he has virtually withdrawn as an interested party in the recount.

Another round table of counters will be added tomorrow to the eight already in operation, and the expectation now is that the recount will be completed by a week from tomorrow.

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## "MAYORS' NIGHT" PUT ON IN JAMAICA PLAIN

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### District's Third Executive Gives Rise to Program

In recognition of Jamaica Plain having furnished the City of Boston with its third Mayor, the meeting of the Jamaica Plain Board of Trade held in Eliot Hall last night observed as "Mayors' Night."

Mayor Nichols and Mayor-elect James M. Curley, residents of Jamaica Plain and members of the local Trade Board, who were unable to attend the meeting, sent communications which were read to the gathering, numbering nearly 200 merchants and professional men.

Mayor Nichols expressed his appreciation to the members for their cooperation in solving numerous problems of the city government and congratulated them on their success since the organization of the board. Mrs. Curley and Mrs. Nichols were sent large bouquets.

During the business session reports were made by the various committees on moves for the abandonment of the City Yards opposite St. Thomas' Church on South st. and of the old Elevated car barn located beside the church to a location off the main road. Committees were appointed to wait on Mayor Nichols concerning this improvement.

It also was voted to erect four signs for persons entering Jamaica Plain to read, "Welcome to Jamaica Plain, the Home of Boston Mayors." The business session was brought to a close with the acceptance of nine new members, who included Councilor-elect Edward L. Englert.

The speakers of the evening, who included Councilor Peter A. Murray, Councilor-elect Englert and William A. Reilly, School Committeeman-elect, gave their views as to the recent election.

There was keen interest in the address of Joseph L. Griffin, who spoke on the "Merchants' Week" to be sponsored by the members in the near future. At the conclusion of the week an award is to be made to the winner of the "Miss Jamaica Plain" contest.

An entertainment, consisting of singing and dancing and a luncheon, brought the meeting to a close. George W. Bunker, president, presided.

# MANSFIELD QUITTS, BUT NOT CURLEY

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## So Recount Will Be Completed for Winner

BY WILTON VAUGH

With Mayor-elect Curley's plurality steadily mounting, Candidate Frederick W. Mansfield last night suddenly withdrew from the recount proceedings at City Hall, expressing satisfaction that the reports regarding election irregularities were not true.

But Curley, having gained 214 votes in the first two days of the recount, particularly in the very precincts where the Mansfield supporters predicted a large overturn of votes for their candidate, insisted that the recount should continue until the end.

### TO CONTINUE TODAY

So the mayoralty recount will continue today with only the Curley staff observing the accuracy of the city registrars. Mansfield's group of 16 workers will not appear and Daniel H. Coakley last night announced that he was not interested in the affair.

Mansfield withdrew after the first 73 precincts had boosted Curley's plurality from 18,517 to 19,731 votes.

The recount of the school committee vote attracted considerable interest yesterday, when Dr. Charles E. Mackey made a gain of 119 votes, cutting down the plurality of William A. Reilly to 522, with 266 precincts yet to be recounted. There were no changes in the three Council recounts yesterday, as Councillors Thomas H. Green of Charlestown, William G. Lynch of South Boston, and John F. Dowd of Roxbury, retained their leads.

In announcing his withdrawal from the recount, Mr. Mansfield last night issued the following statement:

"In so far as I have power to do so, I have requested the Board of Election Commissioners to terminate the recount.

"As I have already stated, many reports from apparently reliable sources were made to me on the day after election of irregularities and errors in the election returns. I was reluctant to ask for a recount, because of the apparent decisive majority of votes cast against me, but many of my friends and supporters were insistent that the errors and irregularities which had been reported were reflected in this apparently safe majority. I felt justified in asking for a recount, especially in view of the fact that there was to be a recount for school committee candidates and for some City Councillors.

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would be but little, if any, additional expense in counting the vote for Mayor.

#### Errors Not Revealed

"I have no means of knowing whether the irregularities and errors complained of actually existed, but it is plain that they have not been revealed at the close of the second day of the recount, although some of the votes counted are from precincts where irregularities were reported.

"Under the circumstances, I do not feel justified in prolonging the recount or in interposing any further obstacle to the certification of Mr. Curley as duly elected Mayor. In so far as I may indicate my wishes in the matter, I shall not object if the recount of the vote cast for Mayor be terminated and if the Board of Election Commissioners so vote, although the petitions for the recount were signed by 50 voters in each ward and not by me personally. I think it is obvious that the petitions would not have been signed if I had not indicated a desire that they be signed.

"Of course, this will leave Mr. Curley free to continue with the recount if he desires to.

"It is not, and never has been my intention of taking any court proceedings whatever in regard to the election."

Later Mayor-elect Curley stated:

"The recount has disclosed so many irregularities and of such volume that they cannot be charged wholly to carelessness. In the interest of an honest count of the vote cast, which was the basis for the filing of the recount petition by my opponent, I shall insist upon the recount continuing.

"Any objection on the ground of expense to the city need not be considered, in view of the fact that the recount of the votes cast for school committee candidates is to be continued by the Board of Election Commissioners."

scheduled in the interests of an "honest count."

Mansfield's decision to withdraw came after tabulators had counted 73 of the 339 precincts of the city, which boosted Curley's victorious plurality from 19,517 to 19,731 votes.

In the very precincts where Mansfield supporters believed the recount would show large gains for their defeated candidate, East Boston and the West end, the tabulations showed that Curley and not Mansfield had received the worst of the count, especially in one East Boston precinct where a block of 100 Curley votes were given to Mansfield.

#### WANTS "HONEST COUNT"

With Mansfield's sudden withdrawal and Coakley's acquiescent statement that he "asked for no recount and at no time believed that it would result in my election, believe it or not," efforts to determine Mayor-elect Curley's attitude by telephone resulted in his declaration that the recount should go on as started.

He declared that as the proceedings has disclosed "so many irregularities already and of such volume that they cannot be charged to carelessness," the recount, especially in the light of the fact that all the ballots must be gone over again in the school committee count, should be continued in the interests of an "honest count" as first demanded by Mr. Mansfield.

Having gained 214 votes in the first two days of the recount, steadily raising the greatest plurality ever given him in any fight since the start of his political career, Mayor-elect Curley was expected by some of his close followers to insist as he did that the recount continue.

#### SAY GAMBLERS INVOLVED

Yesterday's developments revived rumors that have become city-wide in the last few days to the effect that a group of Boston gamblers was behind the recount. The report had it that many thousands of dollars had been wagered on Curley to win by more than 20,000 votes, and that when he fell less than 500 short of this total the gamblers started the machinery for a recount, confident that it would result in giving Curley a margin of 20,000.

When the tabulators start their work again this morning the Mansfield watchers will be missing and only the group waiting in the interests of the Mayor-elect and those interested in the school committee and city council fights will be on hand.

In a carefully prepared statement that he handed to Chairman Frank Seiberlich and the members of the board of election commissioners, Mr. Mansfield, after saying that the close of the second day's work failed to show the irregularities reported to him, declared that under the circumstances he did not feel justified in prolonging the recount "or in interposing any further obstacle to the certification of Mr. Curley as duly elected mayor."

"Although the petitions for the recount were signed by 50 voters in each ward and not by me personally," the statement read, "I think it is obvious that the petitions would not have been signed if I had not indicated a desire that they be signed. Of course this will leave Mr. Curley free to continue with the recount if he so desires. It is not, and never has been my intention of taking any court proceedings whatever in regard to the election."

With the Mansfield withdrawal in hand, Chairman Frank Seiberlich was concerned chiefly with the power of the election commission to discontinue a recount even at the request of all the candidates, pointing out the fact that the recount was originally started on the petition of 1100 voters who signed the Mansfield application.

#### "CONTINUE" CURLEY SAYS

Atty. Francis Murray, representing Mansfield at the recount proceedings expressed the opinion that the signers acted at the request of the candidates and naturally would follow his course of action and decision. Asst. Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman, acting as counsel for the election commissioners informed the chairman that there was no law prohibiting the cessation of the proceedings in question after Coakley had withdrawn. Mayor-elect Curley decided the issue, however, when he asked that the recount continue.

Thousands of persons throughout the city are following the result of the recount daily, most of them being interested in who will come the closest to guessing the final Curley plurality and thus win the new sport roadster offered by Curley supporters. The roadster, still reposing in all its gleaming splendor is the subject of admiration all day long in the windows of the Curley campaign headquarters.

Other hundreds interested in the final result are those that placed bets, large and small, on the outcome of the three-cornered race regarding the majority and plurality of the winning candidate, and they too may be seen among the crowds that daily fill the corridors of the election commissioners in City Hall annex.

#### MACKEY GAINS 119

Adden interest in the recount was occasioned yesterday when Dr. Charles E. Mackey made a sweeping gain of 119 votes, thereby cutting down the plurality of William A. Reilly to 522 with 266 precincts yet to be counted. The sudden gain made by Dr. Mackey was the only other gain of interest in the recounts, as the recounts in the city council fights remained practically the same.

In announcing his withdrawal from the recount proceedings, Mr. Mansfield said:

In so far as I have power to do so I have requested the board of election commissioners to terminate the recount.

As I have already stated, many reports from apparently reliable sources were made to me on the day after election of irregularities and errors in the election returns. I was reluctant to ask for a recount because of the apparent decisive majority of votes cast against me, but many of my friends and supporters were insistent that the errors and irregularities which had been reported were reflected in this apparently safe majority. I felt justified in asking for a recount, especially in view of the fact that there was to be a recount for school committee candidates and for some city councilors, so that there would be but very little, if any, additional expense in counting the vote for mayor.

I have no means of knowing whether or not the irregularities and errors complained of actually existed, but it is plain that they have not been revealed at the close of the second day of the recount, although some of the votes counted are from precincts where irregularities were reported.

#### CERTIFY CURLEY

Under the circumstances I do not feel justified in prolonging the recount or in interposing any further

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# MANSFIELD OUT OF VOTE COUNT; CURLEY GOES ON

Defeated Candidate Withdraws—Irregularities Found Untrue

## MAYOR-ELECT WANTS 'HONEST COUNT' MADE

Dr. Mackey Gains 119, Cutting Plurality of Reilly Down to 522

By CHARLES A. COYLE

Frederick W. Mansfield, defeated candidate for mayor, suddenly withdrew his name from the mayoralty recount yesterday afternoon and expressed his satisfaction that the reports of irregularities carried to him by some of his supporters were untrue and unfounded, but Mayor-elect Curley demanded that the recount go on as

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obstacle to the certification of Mr. Curley as duly elected mayor. In so far as I may indicate my wishes in the matter I shall not object if the recount of the vote cast for mayor be terminated and if the board of election commissioners so vote. Although the petitions for the recount were signed by 50 voters in each ward, and not by me personally, I think it is obvious that the petitions would not have been signed if I had not indicated a desire that they be signed.

Of course this will leave Mr. Curley free to continue with the recount if he desires to.

It is not, and never has been, my intention of taking any court proceedings whatever in regard to the election.

When apprised of Mr. Mansfield's withdrawal, Mayor-elect Curley sent the following statement to the board of election commissioners:

The recount has disclosed so many irregularities and of such volume that they cannot be charged wholly to carelessness. In the interest of an honest count of the vote cast which was the basis for the filing of the recount petition by my opponent I shall insist upon the recount continuing.

Any objection on the ground of expense to the city need not be considered in view of the fact that the recount of the votes cast for school committee candidates is to be continued by the board of election commissioners.

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## Mansfield Out, but Recount Continues

The recount of the mayoral vote in the recent city election continued at City Hall Annex today on the request of Mayor-elect Curley, despite the fact that Frederick W. Mansfield, who originally petitioned for rechecking, withdrew last night from the proceedings. In announcing his withdrawal Mansfield expressed satisfaction that the reports of alleged election irregularities on which he based his petition were not true. The mayor-elect insisted that the review continue "in the interest of an honest count of the vote cast."

In the early counting this morning, Curley made a net gain of eighty-one votes, of which sixty-nine were in Precinct 5, Ward 8, his own ward. He gained twelve in Precinct 2, Ward 4.

Sensational rumors current for several days before the recount was started on Tuesday, to the effect that Mansfield would seek court action in connection with reports of plans to attempt to have Curley's election nullified, were emphatically dissipated in Mansfield's withdrawal statement, as follows:

"It is not, and never has been my intention of taking any court proceedings whatever in regard to the election."

The rechecking was resumed with Curley having made a net gain of 214 votes in the first 73 precincts, to add to his plurality of 19,517 given in the returns on election night.

The mayoral recount is continuing coincident with the recount of votes in the contest for second position in the School Committee and some City Council contests. When the session terminated last night, Dr. Charles E. Mackey of South Boston had made a net gain of 143 votes over William A. Reilly, thus reducing Reilly's margin for second position to 522 votes.

# MANSFIELD HAS ENOUGH RECOUNT

With James M. Curley showing a net gain of 214 votes in 73 precincts tabulated in the Boston mayoralty recount, Frederick W. Mansfield declared last night he was satisfied that the recount be ended, but Curley insists that it be carried on.

The net gain of 214 does not take into the count a block of votes which it is believed will figure in the final total and will increase the Curley net gain by another 75 votes.

Mansfield stated that in so far as it was in his power to do he had requested the Election Com-

sioners to terminate the recount. He stated that he was reluctant to ask for a recount in view of the decisive majority given Curley, but his supporters insisted bringing reports of errors and irregularities.

"As far as I am concerned I will offer no further obstacles to the certification of Mr. Curley as the duly elected mayor of Boston," Mansfield stated.

Curley in a statement to the Board of Election Commissioners said:

"The recount disclosed so much irregularity and errors of such volume that they cannot be charged wholly to carelessness. In the interest of an honest count of the vote cast, which was the basis for the filing of the recount petition by my opponent, I shall insist on the recount continuing."

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## CURLEY AGAIN GAINS AS RECOUNT GOES ON

Reilly Also Adds to Vote Over Mackey During Day

Ward 3 Turns In Cleanest Record for Accuracy in Tabulation

Mayor-Elect Curley netted a gain of 64 votes in yesterday's recounting of the Nov 5 vote by Election Department officials. Added to the 214 votes Curley already had picked up, yesterday's gain represented an increase of 278 votes over Curley's first margin of 19,517 votes over Mansfield, and Curley's plurality stands today at 19,795.

William A. Reilly, seemingly winner on first count of the second School Committee place, scored a net gain of 202 votes yesterday, and this advanced his plurality over Dr. Charles E. Mackey of South Boston to 724 votes.

At the close of the day, 117 precincts in all had been counted of the city's 339. There will be no recount work tomorrow, but it will be resumed Monday and finished probably a week from today.

From the Mansfield camp had come veiled insinuations that there would be some "ghastly revelations of jobbing" when the Ward 3 (Lomasney) vote was recounted. Ward 3 was finished last night and the result looks like a flattering tribute to the accuracy of the precinct attendants in this populous ward.

The Ward 3 recount shows that, with a total of 8531 votes cast, there was a change of only 33 votes in the re-tabulation. This is in all likelihood one of the best showings that will be made in any of the 22 wards. In the 33-vote turnover from the original count, Mansfield gained 19. Curley lost 11. Coakley gained three votes.

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## REILLY GAINS 202 VOTES IN RECOUNT

Curley Continues to Increase His Lead

Picking up 64 more votes over Frederick W. Mansfield with the completion of the recount in 117 of Boston's 339 precincts up to last night, Mayor-elect Curley raised his plurality to 19,795 and has gained to date 278 votes.

In Ward 3, Martin Lomasney's stronghold in the West end, the recount of the total of 8531 votes cast showed a change of 33 votes. Of this small number, Mansfield gained 19, Coakley three and Curley lost 11.

William A. Reilly, who ran second in the school committee race, provided the real surprise in yesterday's recount when he gained 202 votes, raising his plurality to 724 votes over Dr. Charles E. Mackey of South Boston, who petitioned for a recount.

The election commissioners will begin today the recount in wards 9 to 16 council fights where recounts were demanded by the following losers: Ward 9, Roxbury, Joseph F. Hartigan; ward 13, Dorchester, Councilman Frank B. Sullivan; ward 14, Dorchester, Joseph Bearak; ward 15, Dorchester, Councilman Thomas W. McMahon.

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# MANSFIELD READY TO DROP RECOUNT

Curley Insists That It Go On  
Despite Rival's Suggestion

## Ex-Mayor Gains 198 Votes in Day And Gains Prestige for 1932

Frederick W. Mansfield, defeated candidate for Mayor, who filed the original petition for a recount, signed by letter to the Boston Election Commission last night his willingness that the recount be terminated forthwith. But Mayor-elect James M. Curley, now convinced that he has plenty to gain in the way of State-wide prestige and nothing to lose, insisted that the recount be carried on to the end. And so it will.

Attorney F. J. Murray filed the Mansfield document with the commission immediately after announcement was made, at the end of yesterday's counting, that Curley has already established a net gain of 214 votes over first count. The letter repeated statements Mr. Mansfield has already made: that, although he had no knowledge or belief that gross irregularities had been committed in the election, he petitioned upon the urging of friends, and that, in any case, he has no intention of taking any court proceedings whatever.

### Coakley No Longer Interested

Receiving the Mansfield letter, Chairman Frank Seiberlich of the commission, on the advice of Asst Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman, canvassed Messrs. Curley and Coakley by telephone as to their attitude. Coakley's written answer was: "Believe it or not, I have no further interest in the matter."

Curley, when the Mansfield statement was read to him, made the following declaration: "The recount has disclosed so many irregularities and of such volume that they cannot be

charged wholly to carelessness. In the interest of an honest count of the vote cast, which was the basis for the filing of the recount petition by my opponent, I insist upon the recount continuing."

### The Mansfield Letter

Over Mr. Mansfield's signature, his letter to the commission was as follows:

"In so far as I have power to do so I have requested the Election Commissioners to terminate the recount.

"As I have already stated, many reports from apparently reliable sources were made to me on the day after election of irregularities and errors in the election returns. I was reluctant to ask for a recount because of the apparent decisive majority of votes cast against me, but many of my friends and supporters were insistent that the errors and irregularities which had been reported were reflected in this apparently safe majority. I felt justified in asking for a recount, especially in view of the fact that there was to be a recount for School Committee candidates and for some City Councilors, so that there would be but very little, if any, additional expense in counting the vote for Mayor.

"I have no means of knowing whether or not the irregularities and errors complained of actually existed, but it is plain that they have not been revealed at the close of the second day of the recount, although some of the votes counted are from precincts where irregularities were reported.

### Planned No Court Action

"Under the circumstances I do not feel justified in prolonging the recount or in interposing any further obstacle to the certification of Mr. Curley as duly elected Mayor. In so far as I may indicate my wishes in the matter, I shall not object if the recount of the vote cast for Mayor be terminated and if the Board of Election Commissioners so vote, although the petitions for the recount were signed by 50 voters in each ward and not by me personally.

I think it is obvious that the petitions would not have been signed if I had not indicated a desire that they be signed.

"Of course this will leave Mr. Curley free to continue with the recount if he desires to.

"It is not and never has been my intention of taking any court proceedings whatever in regard to the election."

### Curley Group Pleased

Hearing of this maneuver, Curleyites generally felt that their side had scored a smart play, and that two well-known Boston Republicans who had pressed hardest in the Mansfield camp for the recount petition had been countered, if not routed. The Curley followers are convinced that the recount movement was aimed to discredit their champion up-State, and was made with the hope of possibly turning up irregularities that could be employed with good effect when Curley starts out again for the Governorship in 1932, as most feel certain he means to do.

Curley knew he had picked up 214 votes over 73 precincts in which the recount had been completed with the close of work last night. If this rate of gain were continued throughout the city's precincts Curley would gain 900 or 1000 votes, and perhaps run his plurality over Mansfield up to 20,500.

With the record of a victory like that behind him, and with a record at City Hall of Grade A in economy and efficiency which he is said to be firmly resolved to give, and with the strengthened Democratic spirit which seems to exist in the State, Curley could at least make the grade up Beacon Hill to the State House, his best friends are profoundly convinced. They saw this line of thought reflected in his decision against halting a recount which he himself did not begin, even if he did assent to it.

In yesterday's recount Curley established a gain of 99 votes and Mansfield's total dwindled by 99, giving Curley a net gain of 198, which, added to the 16 he gained on Tuesday's recount, aggregates 214 votes.

Thus Curley's plurality over Mansfield mounted to 19,731, gladdening the hearts of those who had bet that Curley would beat Mansfield by at least 20,000 votes.

### Automobile Still Waits

Not only is payment of many bets pending, but also there is the question of who won that five-passenger automobile which was put up at Curley headquarters as a prize for the person who guessed nearest to Curley's actual plurality over Mansfield.

With the close of counting last night Dr. Charles E. Mackey of South Boston, who finished 663 votes behind William A. Reilly, winner on the first count of a School Committee seat, had picked up a total of 143 votes, thus reducing Reilly's lead to 522 votes.

The recount, which ought to be finished Wednesday, will proceed at 9 this morning.

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## CURLEY STILL IS GAINS VOTES

Total Thus Far in Recount

280—Two Today

Although its momentum has slowed down, there continues a gain for Mayor-Elect Curley in the Election Department's recount of the Boston vote at City Hall Annex.

In 20 precincts counted this forenoon a net gain of 2 votes was chalked up for Curley.

In this count Curley gained 18 and lost 83 votes, making his loss 65 votes. Mansfield gained 36 and lost 103, making his loss 67. Thus Curley netted a gain of two votes, and this left his gain so far in the recount at 280 votes.

Slowly the margin of the Curley plurality over Mansfield continues to approach the mooted 20,000 votes.

In the School Committee contest Dr. C. E. Mackey lost 67 votes and W. A. Reilly gained 95 votes, making Reilly's net gain 162 votes and boosting once more Reilly's lead over Dr. Mackey.

TRAVELER 11/15/29

## 5 WARDS TO BE COUNTED TODAY

Curley's Plurality Is Now

19,795 Votes, Net Gain  
of 278

Five new wards will be counted today in the mayoralty election recount in City Hall. These are wards 9, 10, 13, 14 and 15. Ward 7 will also be completed. There are now eight tables at work in the recount at City Hall.

Wards 1 to 6 inclusive, and ward 8, including 117 precincts out of 339 have been completed. These give Curley a net gain of 278, making his plurality 19,795. Some of his followers believe that his plurality will reach 20,000 before the recount is completed.

### VOTE FOR CURLEY COMES ALL WAY FROM GERMANY

All the way from Hamburg, Ger., today came a vote for Mayor-elect James M. Curley in the Boston Traveler's recent straw ballot for mayor. It was from Everett C. Goldsmith of 40 Quint Avenue, Allston, a registered voter of Boston, who left here last July. He has been a reader of the Boston Traveler for six or seven years, and has it forwarded to him in Europe. He was registered last for the presidential election.

## CURLEY STILL IN LEAD IN MAYOR RECOUNT

Globe Has Made Curley's Plurality 17,795, With a Week's Work Ahead

As the fourth day of the official recount of Boston's mayoralty election got under way today, Mayor-elect Curley had gained 278 votes in the 117 precincts thus far tabulated. The gain has made Curley's plurality 19,795, with a week's work ahead to complete the remaining 222 precincts.

Mansfield's staff of 16 observers did not appear at the offices of the election commission to check the figures of the assistant registrars, following his withdrawal of the previous night.

Completion of the recount in Ward 3 revealed that in the Lomasney stronghold there were only 33 changes out of a total of 8531 votes, which was regarded as a good record for election night accuracy. Of these 33 votes Mansfield gained 19, Curley lost 11 and Coakley gained three.

The surprise of the recount is a gain of 202 votes by William A. Reilly of Jamaica Plain, who ran second in the school committee contest and won a seat on the board. This makes his plurality 724 votes over Dr. Charles F. Mackey of South Boston, who petitioned for the recount.

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## CURLEY HEARING IS CONTINUED

Petitioner Doesn't Appear in Restraint Case

Hearing on the document filed in the Supreme Court by Ida von Clausen, seeking to have James M. Curley restrained from assuming the duties of Mayor of Boston, was continued without day, this morning. No one appeared to represent the petitioner. Representative Charles S. Sullivan Jr. appeared for the Mayor-elect.

The document as originally filed was not in strictly legal form, but its filing was allowed. The petitioner says she is Countess von Clausen.

## May End Election Recount in Week

Having completed the rechecking of the votes in the first eight wards of the city, the Board of Election Commissioners today started the fourth session of the recount proceedings in the contest for mayor, school committee and some of the contests for City Council. The ballots in Wards 8 to 16 were brought up from the vaults in City Hall Annex to start the day's activities. The recount covering the entire twenty wards is expected to be completed by a week from today. There will be no session tomorrow.

As the result of the recount up to recess time this afternoon, Curley made a net gain of two votes in twenty precincts, bringing his net gain to date to 280. Reilly made another feature gain of 162 over Mackey in the school committee recount, making his net gain thus far 886.

At the termination of yesterday's counting, Mayor-elect Curley had made a net gain of 278 votes in 117 precincts, increasing his plurality of 19,517 in the returns on election night to 19,795 over Frederick W. Mansfield who has withdrawn from the proceedings.

William A. Reilly, who was elected to second position in the School Committee, according to the election night returns, made a net gain of 202 as a feature of yesterday's recount, increasing his plurality to 724 votes over Dr. Charles E. Mackey of South Boston, who petitioned for a recount.

There was no material change in the City Council recounts in Charlestown, South Boston and South End.

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## RECOUNT SESSIONS OFF UNTIL MONDAY

Election department officials took a rest today from activities attendant upon the city election recount, the proceedings having been adjourned last evening until Monday morning. With the votes on 161 of the city's 339 precincts rechecked to date, Mayor-elect Curley's plurality over Frederick W. Mansfield stands at 19,776, or a net gain of 259 over the 19,517 given him in the election night returns. In yesterday's review, Mansfield, who has withdrawn from the recount, made a net gain of nineteen votes.

William A. Reilly, winner on first returns of second place on the school committee, made a net gain yesterday of eighty-eight votes over Dr. Charles E. Mackey, increasing his lead to 812.

City Councilor Thomas W. McMahon of Ward 15, Dorchester, defeated for reelection by Francis E. Kelly by a margin of fifty-three votes in the first returns, made a net gain of seven votes in the precincts recounted.

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### 16 EDITORIAL POINTS

The result of the recount of the Boston vote for Mayor has been gratifying to Mr. Curley, but Mr. Coakley has had to give up hope that the recount would show that he was elected.

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# CURLEY AND REILLY GAIN IN RECOUNT

15  
202 Votes for Reilly  
Found—Curley Is  
278 Ahead

Mayor-elect Curley picked up 64 more votes over Frederick W. Mansfield yesterday as the election officials at City Hall completed their third day's work of recounting the ballots cast in the city election.

#### GAINS 278 IN 117 PRECINCTS

With the votes in 117 precincts recounted, Curley has gained to date 278 votes, making his plurality 13,795, with a week's work ahead to complete the remaining 222 precincts.

Mansfield's staff of 16 observers did not appear at the offices of the election commission yesterday to check the figures of the assistant registrars, for the defeated candidate insisted that he had no further interest in the proceedings, following his withdrawal of the previous night.

#### 33 Changes in Ward 3

Completion of the recount in Ward 3 revealed that in the downtown stronghold of Martin M. Lomasney there were only 33 changes out of a total of 8531 votes, which was regarded as a very good record for election night accuracy by veteran political observers. Of these 33 votes, Mansfield gained 19, Curley lost 11, and Coakley gained three.

The sensation of yesterday's session was a gain of 202 votes by William A. Reilly of Jamaica Plain, who ran second in the school committee contest and won a seat on the board. This makes his plurality 724 votes over Dr. Charles E. Mackey of South Boston, who petitioned for the recount.

#### No Changes in Three Districts

There was no material change in the City Council recounts in Charlestown, South Boston and South End.

In addition to the mayoral and school committee recounts, the election commission will start today on Wards 9 to 16, where Council recounts have been demanded by Joseph F. Hartigan of Ward 9, Roxbury; Councillor Frank B. Sullivan of Ward 13, Dorchester; Joseph Bearak of Ward 14, Dorchester, and Councillor Thomas W. McMahon of Ward 15, Dorchester, all of whom finished in second place, losing their fights for election, according to the original returns.

# CURLEY'S GAIN RISES TO 306 IN 93 PRECINCTS

A net gain of 92, making a total net gain of 306, was recorded for James M. Curley in the recount of the mayoralty race, which is continuing on the demand of Mayor-Elect Curley after his opponent, Frederick W. Mansfield, expressed a willingness that it be discontinued.

Ninety-three precincts are counted up to date.

Today five new wards will be started. Curley is still represented by friends. There will be no recounting tomorrow.

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# CURLEY'S GAINS TOTAL 305

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Mayor-elect James M. Curley made a net gain of 91 votes today as the recount continued at City Hall despite the withdrawal of checkers representing Frederick W. Mansfield, the original petitioner.

The gain of 91 ballots gave Mr. Curley a total increase of 305 votes in his plurality. He picked up 69 votes in Precinct 5, Ward 8, and 22 votes in Precinct 11 of Ward 4.

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## CURLEY VS. MANSFIELD SPORTSMANSHIP, GOOD AND POOR!

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While Grover Cleveland was Sheriff of Erie County, New York, the Empire State elected him Governor by a plurality of 193,000, a victory, at that time, unprecedented in size of plurality over an opponent; while still in the office of Governor he was elected President of the United States and singularly enough his election was determined by the vote of the State he was serving as Governor and which had chosen him by the greatest plurality ever given to a candidate up to that time; it was several days after election before it could be decided who had carried New York and finally the electoral vote was given to Cleveland by the hair line margin of 1294 votes in the most populous State in the nation, and so the 1294 votes of the great Empire State gave the democratic party its first President in twenty four years.

In 1896, the first Bryan campaign, fought out on the issue of "Free and Unlimited Coinage of Silver" and a Bi-Metallic Standard vs. A Single Standard, the vote was so close in some of the key states that the electoral vote was split between Bryan and McKinley; this was true in Kentucky and California while in Illinois it was claimed that the Cook County vote was not returned until it was ascertained how large a vote was needed to keep the state in the republican column; the vote throughout the rural sections of Illinois was so overwhelmingly for Bryan that it was said Cook County was called upon for a McKinley total greater than the total registered vote of the County, but it went in and Illinois was saved to McKinley; the election was so close in several States that 25,000 votes properly placed would have changed the McKinley to a Bryan victory.

In Boston eight years ago after a bitterly contested Mayoralty election Hon. James M. Curley was declared elected over Hon. John R. Murphy by the narrow margin of 2400 votes; the campaign grew more and more acrimonious as it approached its conclusion and when the result was announced as in the great State of New York upon which a National election turned, and following the Cook County and other similar episodes of the 1896 campaign, the best of good sportsmanship prevailed and results were accepted as officially announced.

In the recent city election, Mr. Mansfield's descent from real constructive issues to an almost uninterrupted campaign of personal abuse of his opponent, was bitterly disappointing to his friends and supporters, as was his apparent eagerness to seize upon any incident, which through malicious interpretation or actual perversion could be made the basis of further villification.

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It was apparent in the closing week of the campaign that some of the substantial support prominent in its earlier stages was either growing cold or being gradually withdrawn and it became obvious to the keen observer of political trend that the Mansfield campaign of slander and personal abuse had failed; the only newspapers editorially endorsing a candidate, came out strong for Mr. Curley and the fact that they came out only a few days before election might be interpreted as a reproach to Mr. Mansfield's method had they not distinctly and clearly said as much; the papers not declaring for Mr. Curley editorially were in the days just preceding election, predicting his election by large majorities.

An eleventh hour attempt to raise a false issue failed only after the overturn of two wards and the loss of thousands of votes to Mr. Curley, who realizing the danger of the trap, courageously stepped into it, to drive a falsehood out of the campaign when it seemed almost disastrous to do it; he could well afford to overlook it, but he had met every thrust in the campaign and would not turn his back, even at the eleventh hour and fifty ninth minute, but with dauntless courage annihilated his traducers in the ambush from which they pushed an hysterical woman on to an attack.

Now to climax his poor sportsmanship displayed throughout the campaign, after congratulating his successful opponent on his election, Mr. Mansfield petitions for a recount; for what?

Is there a man of mature mind in the entire city who believes Mr. Mansfield can be so ingenuous as not to know that there were no less faulty count in his own ballots than those of Mr. Curley or any fewer mistakes made, of which he was beneficiary? And if there was any more money spent on behalf of one candidate than the other, it was only because he was able to get more and not because he had less regard for the laws regulating the expenditure of money on elections.

In Mr. Mansfield's machine there were many politicians of experience and influence, a few of them have been successful; most of them, however, are so regular in accomplishing the defeat of the causes and candidacies they would promote that they should be sufficiently inured to the sensation of being officially counted out, to receive it once more with equanimity as part of the day's work.

There will be a few more days' pay for some of the workers and much enlightenment, on the devious ways of polities and politicians, to Mr. Mansfield, whose poor sportsmanship furnishes a lamentable episode with which to close a misguided campaign.

# RETURN OF FULLER TOMORROW EAGERLY AWAITED IN CAMPS OF DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS

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By WENDELL D. HOWIE

Former Gov. Alvan T. Fuller is due to arrive back in the United States tomorrow, and his coming is looked upon as one of the outstanding political events of the year, to Republicans and Democrats alike. For it is a fact that just as he carried the key to the Massachusetts political situation away with him when he sailed for Europe, so now he continues to be the sole custodian of that key.

It is confidently expected that before he has been back for long on American soil he will make use of the key to unlock the doors to the political situation and reveal something, at least, of what may be looked for in the 1930 state election campaign—which is not now far away.

The former Governor's position appears to be fully as important to the Democrats as to the Republicans, and fully as uncertain. Neither party can plan for the campaign ahead without having some inkling as to his intentions. Throughout the present year he has kept them both guessing, and not until he personally says the word they are waiting to hear will the tension be lifted long enough for them to accurately take stock of the situation.

For instance, if Mr. Fuller throws his hat into the ring for the Republican nomination for United States senator, there are some Republicans who would like to give him battle, although few would concede that they had a chance against him and they are unanimous that he would probably have a harder primary than election battle. Until he speaks, the Republican situation with respect to the seat now held by Senator Frederick H. Gillett, must necessarily remain high up in the air.

#### DEMOCRATIC STANDPOINT

From the Democratic standpoint, if Mr. Fuller goes after the Republican nomination for senator, many of the party leaders are practically prepared to pass the word that their chances of gaining two Democratic seats in the Senate are so slim that their best efforts could be put forth by concentrating on the governorship. The Republicans at least know where they stand with respect to the governorship, and are already at work for the re-election of Frank G. Allen, whose stock has been going steadily upward during the year. The Democrats, however, cannot begin to plan for either place until they know what Mr. Fuller is going to do.

The former Governor has plenty of enemies. No man can wage such intensive political battles over a period of years, as he has done, without incurring the enmity of many persons who have tried to cross his path only to be somewhat ruthlessly shoved aside. But they

will agree with his friends that he holds a position in Massachusetts politics today which is probably unique in the history of fully a generation of two. At no time has the fate of both political parties seemed so greatly to hinge on the decision of one man.

That Mr. Fuller has kept in close touch with developments in Massachusetts during his sojourn abroad can be definitely stated. One illustration can be given. A short time after the counsel in the Boston Consolidated Gas Company rate case talked having him summoned as a witness, a cable was received from him announcing that he would leave France ahead of schedule in order to present himself before the state department of public utilities to answer questions in the case and possibly to ask a few himself.

He has been fully aware of the developments in the Boston mayoralty campaign, and he showed his knowledge of the situation months ago when he predicted that James M. Curley would sweep whatever field appeared against him. He has never been worried about a personal political encounter with Curley, for he defeated the Boston mayor for Governor by 150,000 votes when they clashed in 1924, but, at the same time, he has not been unmindful of Curley's vote-getting power in Boston.

#### HARMONY MOVEMENT

It is likely that the former Governor has been keenly interested in the harmony movement which surrounded the Curley mayoralty contest, with Fitzgerald, Lomasney and a score or more of lesser lights, all former enemies of the mayor, sitting high on the bandwagon.

Before he went abroad, Mr. Fuller was aware that Mr. Fitzgerald, who a year and a half ago was setting his cap for the Democratic nomination for senator, had suddenly shifted his ambition toward Beacon Hill. It was common talk at that time that Mr. Fitzgerald had become suddenly frightened of the possibility that his opponent would be Mr. Fuller, and that he entered into a trade, either actual or implied, whereby Curley would support him for Governor in return for the support Fitzgerald could and did give in the mayoralty contest.

With Mr. Fuller as the Republican senatorial prospect, the Democrats did not seem to be falling over each other in starting out after the place which Mr. Fitzgerald seemed so anxious to abdicate. Marcus A. Coolidge of Fitchburg, treasurer of the Democratic state committee and a wealthy manufacturer, was trotted out as a possibility, however. Whether the thought was that he was the one man likely to defeat Mr. Fuller, providing the latter became the Republican nominee, or that his sinews of war would be acceptable in return for the somewhat dubious honor of becoming the Democratic choice for sacrifice, is not clear. Mr. Coolidge is the only man at present being mentioned.

The Curley victory in Boston has fired the ambitions and hopes of the Democrats. Already it has resulted in much talk about capturing the entire state ticket, a feat which has been accomplished only once by them in the history of the state. There are signs that they intend to concentrate on the governorship, although they appreciate that Gov. Allen is a far stronger candidate today than he was a year ago. If Mr. Fuller runs it is almost a certainty that the Democratic fire will be directed against Allen.

The Governor has not only strengthened himself to an amazing degree during his first year in office, but he has done much to help build up the Republican party. He has been ably assisted by Amos L. Taylor, chairman of the Republican state committee, who has been at work day and night, in all parts of the state, repairing broken down fences and quietly giving high praise to the Governor.

#### EFFECT ON ALLEN'S POSITION

The question might be asked whether Gov. Allen's position would be stronger or weaker if Mr. Fuller goes out and captures the Republican nomination for senator, in view of these various considerations. That question has been asked of many people, and the general feeling seems to be that Fuller would be an asset not only to Allen but to the entire state ticket.

The Democrats are in hope that they may be able to trip up the Governor and possibly drive a wedge between him and Mr. Fuller, in the event of a Fuller candidacy. To date they have been unable to find any ray of hope for such an eventuality. There has been some talk recently that possibly the Boston police department situation might offer something, and it is safe to assume that the Democrats are watching conditions closely and ready to take advantage of the first sign of a break.

A host of possible Republican candidates for senator are waiting for Mr. Fuller to say a word. Not one of them dares to step forward and enter the lists regardless of what Mr. Fuller may do. Senator Gillett has not yet given any intimation that he is ready to step aside, although there has been a growing belief for several months now that he will not again seek elective public office.

Former State Senator Eben S. Draper of Hopedale, whose strong run in the primary battle of last year entitles him to consideration in any discussion of the possibilities for 1930, has been keeping his fingers closely on the public pulse. He is not yet ready to speak.

Mayor Malcolm E. Nichols of Boston is keeping silent. He goes out of office in January, but he does not give any indication that he intends to step out of politics at the same time. He has been making speeches in various parts of the state. He attained some fame with sections of the church vote when he banned "Strange Interlude," the Eugene O'Neill play which then took the

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Boston theatregoing public to the historic city of Quincy. He attained more and much greater fame by going to the western part of the state and addressing the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

#### STATEMENT OF PLANS

Mr. Nichols has his eye on the Senate, and secretly pretends not to be afraid of the former Governor. He clashed with Mr. Fuller on numerous occasions during his administration in City Hall, but no vote was ever taken as to who came out on top. The mayor appeared before a large audience of Republican women in the past week, and mentioned that he was going to take a vacation from City Hall, but that he would probably be back for a second and even a third administration. It is not written whether this was a wise-crack or a deeply significant statement.

Former Senator William M. Butler, Congressman A. Piatt Andrew, Congressman Joseph W. Martin, Jr., President Gaspar G. Bacon of the Senate, Joseph Walker, former speaker of the House; Senator Henry Parkman and others comprise the Republican list of possible aspirants to the Senate seat who will be greatly interested in whatever announcement Mr. Fuller may have.

At one time Lt.-Gov. William S. Youngman was being mentioned as a possible candidate. Mr. Youngman is shrewd, however, for he thought he saw in the proposal an effort to sidetrack him from the accession which he hopes to make to the gubernatorial chair. He is not to be fooled by such mention. He is too cute to be spoofed. He is like the chap who went into a butcher shop and bought a huge chunk of beef. The butcher, with a twinkle in his eye, asked:

"Surely you're not going to eat that huge piece of meat alone?"

"No," came the answer, "I'm going to have some mashed potatoes with it."

Mr. Youngman has figured much in the newspapers of late, doubtless taking seriously the talk that he will have opposition in the Republican primary in the 1930 campaign. The name of Dist.-Atty. Robert T. Bushnell of Middlesex county continues to be most prominently mentioned as a likely opponent. Mr. Bushnell has been too busy as a prosecutor, however, to give much heed to the talk up to the present time.

If Mr. Bushnell decides to run against Youngman, however, any one who knows the two officials is ready to believe that such a contest would be what in modern times is described as a "wow." Bushnell is one of the best stump speakers in Massachusetts, while the Lieutenant-Governor is beyond doubt the most aggressive and persistent man who ever donned a political toga in Massachusetts or anywhere else.

Into this political picture of late has come some mention of State Treasurer John W. Haigis of Greenfield, who is an exceedingly popular official, with a following among Democrats as well as Republicans. Mr. Haigis has been mentioned as a possibility for the Senate and also as a foe in the path of Mr. Youngman. He has been appearing publicly more than was previously his custom. But he is not ready to talk.

Such is the situation on the eve of Mr. Fuller's return. They are all waiting for him. He is in the position of keeping many prospective candidates quiet, or releasing as yet unnumbered tongues.

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#### THE RECOUNT

Officially, Mayor-elect Curley will probably gain a few hundred votes in the recount. Unofficially and politically, he may have gained a few thousand votes. No doubt Mr. Mansfield and his advisers made their request because of what they regarded as good evidence of irregularity which worked to the advantage of Mr. Curley. Actually, the decision astonished almost everybody else. Only fraud on a grand scale could have resulted in the overturning of Mr. Curley's majority, and there was nothing in the registration or voting activities to suggest any such fraud. The human equation makes a count of thousands of votes subject to errors, but they are relatively trivial.

In justice to the members of the Good Government Association, it should be said that they did not initiate the recount, and did not approve of it. Mayor Nichols looked at the matter in a liberal spirit. He not only disapproved of it, but thought that the community should get solidly behind the Mayor-elect, and not harass but hurrah for him. The Mayor-elect has probably won the sympathy of a few thousand additional voters because he was the object of the unwarranted action and the victim of the clerical errors.

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## MANSFIELD GAINS 19 VOTES IN RECOUNT

Mayor-Elect Curley's Net Gain to Date 259

## Reilly Picks Up 88 More Votes in School Board Canvass

Small losses for both F. W. Mansfield and J. M. Curley were scored in yesterday's recounting of the Boston vote, but Curley's loss was so much greater than Mansfield's as to create for Mansfield a net gain of 19 votes.

This left Curley's own net gain to date standing at 259 votes, and Curley's plurality over Mansfield at 19,776. Thus, with 161 of the city's 339 precincts recounted up to last night, it remains for Curley to pick up 224 votes after counting is resumed Monday, in order to establish the 20,000 plurality over Mansfield on which so many wagers were placed.

Scoring a net gain of 88 votes over Dr C. E. Mackey, William A. Reilly, winner on first returns of second School Committee seat, increased his lead to 812.

In four of Ward 15's precincts recounted yesterday, City Councilor T. W. McMahon, seemingly defeated by Francis E. Kelly, gained seven votes, and this cuts Kelly's plurality to 43 votes.

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## MANSFIELD GAINS 19 VOTES IN COUNT

Curley's Plurality Now 19,776 —Reilly Adds 88 to Total

Frederick W. Mansfield made a net gain of 19 votes in yesterday's recount of mayoralty votes when the final tabulation of 44 precincts in Roxbury and Dorchester was given out. Mayor-elect Curley's plurality stood at 19,776 at the close of the recount yesterday, showing a net gain of 259 votes in the 161 precincts counted.

William A. Reilly, who won a place on the school committee with Mrs. Elizabeth W. Pigeon of East Boston, made another net gain yesterday of 88 votes, raising his plurality over Dr. Charles E. Mackey of South Boston to 812 votes. Councilman Thomas W. McMahon of ward 1, Dorchester, made a gain of 7 votes, with four of the 15 precincts counted. McMahon was defeated for re-election by Francis E. Kelly by 53 votes.

There will be no recount today, for the election commissioners decided to give the employes of their department a long week-end after two weeks of strenuous work. The recount will be resumed on Monday morning.

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#### Now Why Bring That Up?

Mayor-elect Curley has a whole lot of plans for the improvement of Boston.

We wonder if his attention has ever been called to the decadent baseball situation in that well-ordered city.—*Portland Evening Express*

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sions of the young priest whose remains rest below it.

The First Lady-elect of the City of Boston and her husband were among the more than 200,000 that came to Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden, from every corner of the country, to visit the shrine. Eleven cures were reported during the day.

## Light Vigil Candle at Shrine Chapel

It was the second visit yesterday of Mayor-elect Curley.

As the dense crowds that filled the cemetery early in the day were kneeling in prayer Mr. Curley with his son, James M., Jr., also knelt at the shrine in prayer for Mrs. Curley's recovery.

Darkness had made everything in the cemetery almost indistinguishable when Mr. Curley again arrived, this time accompanied by his wife.

With his wife leaning on his arm they went to the grave and knelt in prayer. She was attended by Miss Bella Schirch.

A heavy rain was falling. An umbrella was held over her head by an attendant as she offered up her silent prayer.

After visiting the shrine Mr. and Mrs. Curley went to All Souls' Chapel in the cemetery where they knelt side by side at the altar rail.

Lighting a vigil light Mr. and Mrs. Curley left the chapel. As she was helped down the chapel stairs into her automobile one of the policemen escorts said:

"I hope you are feeling well, Mr. Curley?"

"Oh, I feel much better," he answered.

The escort said the few

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## ENTHUSIASTIC OVER SPAIN

Over cups of coffee in the sumptuous first class dining saloon of the Leviathan, former Gov. Fuller elaborated his formal statement somewhat, to two Boston newspaper men, but most of his remarks were made with the understanding that he was not to be quoted.

He said he would never forget his visit to Spain with the famous artist, Zuloaga, some of whose canvasses adorn his Beacon street home, and who was entertained in Boston by the Governor two or three years ago. Mrs. Fuller later mentioned that the artist took them to the spot in Spain from which he painted the much-admired landscape which is one of the treasures of the Fuller art gallery now.

Mr. Fuller was asked, inasmuch as he had spent a part of his time in Spain, if the assignment to Madrid as ambassador, would have any more attraction for him now. His answer was an emphatic "no" that he was positively not interested.

## IN TOUCH WITH NEWS

The Governor was informed that the Boston Consolidated Gas Company rate case has been continued until Dec. 17, and that there recently was a controversy as to whether he should be summoned as a witness. He was told that Wycliffe Marshall of Watertown, counsel for some of the consumers, was intent on having him summoned, while

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## Mrs. Curley Reported Improved After Shrine Prayer



(Daily Record Photo)

This unusual photo shows Mrs. James M. Curley, wife of the mayor-elect, as she knelt in prayer at the crowded miracle tomb, Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden, to pray for relief from her affliction. An umbrella is held over her head to protect her from the rain. She later walked with Mr. Curley to the chapel to pray and reported herself as somewhat improved. At her left is her nurse, Miss Bella Schirch.

# MRS. CURLEY IN PRAYER AT SHRINE FOR RECOVERY

## Scores Faint in Record Pilgrimage of 200,000

Under the dim, flickering vigil lights on the miracle shrine grave of Reverend Patrick Joseph Power last night Mrs. Mary E. Curley, wife of Mayor-elect James Michael Curley, knelt beside her husband, pilgrims praying for her recovery from a long illness.

Every desire to be unobserved was evidenced by Mrs. Curley, who prayed unknown to even those who knelt around the stone slab where miracles are being performed through the interces-

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# 200,000 Throng Shrine; Curley and Wife in Line

Thousands Unable to Reach Grave—  
Firemen, Veterans Aid Police—  
Many Cures Again Reported

By RALPH HARBER

Among the record-breaking throng of 200,000 at the grave of the Rev. Fr. Patrick J. Power in Holy Cross cemetery, Malden, yesterday, was Mayor-elect James M. Curley, who knelt in prayer for a few minutes, preliminary to his return later in the evening with Mrs. Curley, who has been critically ill for months, and who asked divine intercession to relieve her from a serious physical affliction.

Mr. Curley assisted Mrs. Curley to the grave. They were unmindful of the drizzling rain, which was no deterrent to the ambition of other thousands to reach the grave. They prayed for a few moments and then, with Mr. Curley escorting her, they visited the nearby chapel where they again knelt in prayer.

#### BELIEVE RECORD MADE

The tremendous outpouring of people, among them scores of helpless invalids brought to the grave on stretchers, hundreds of persons with paralyzed and twisted legs, and more thousands suffering from internal disorders, is believed to have established a record for a single day's visitation to any shrine.

In his first visit to the cemetery, Mr. Curley was actuated by a desire to satisfy himself that it would be possible to gratify the oft-repeated wish of Mrs. Curley to visit the grave where many cures from physical afflictions have been reported.

He was accompanied by his son, James M. Curley, Jr. They were immediately recognized, but Mr. Curley's determination to be given no unusual consideration was plainly obvious.

His visit forecast the evening visit, but, unlike the afternoon's experience, the mayor-elect and Mrs. Curley were not recognized until a newspaper photographer set off flashlight powder as he pictured them. Police attempted to destroy the plates.

Mr. and Mrs. Curley were accompanied by her nurse, Miss Stella M. Schirck. Their arrival within the cemetery, in their automobile, created no commotion.

#### EXHIBITION OF FAITH

Mr. Curley assisted his wife from the automobile and lightly leaning upon his arm, she walked to the line of persons awaiting the opportunity to reach the grave. They stood silently in the rain with the nurse at Mrs. Curley's side. Only a few moments intervened before they reached the grave. There they knelt, close together. On completion of

their prayers for divine aid for Mrs. Curley, the mayor-elect aided her to arise and they walked slowly to the chapel. There they again offered prayer. Mrs. Curley's head was bowed for more than a quarter of an hour. Then she walked with surprisingly steady step to the altar, where she lighted a candle.

Returning to the waiting automobile, they were permitted to leave by the gate leading to the Newburyport turnpike.

Upon their return to their home, Mr. Curley said:

It is impossible to describe the impression which my visits to the grave of the Rev. Fr. Power made upon me. I believe that I witnessed one of the greatest, if not the greatest, exhibitions of faith that one has ever seen. I was simply astounded.

I went there this afternoon to satisfy myself that it would be possible to gratify the wish that Mrs. Curley has so often expressed in the past few days. She was insistent upon visiting what has come to be known as the Rev. Fr. Power's shrine and I merely gratified her desire.

"Has there been any indication of any improvement in Mrs. Curley's condition?" the reporter asked.

"That is something," said Mr. Curley, "which will have to be left to divine Providence. I hope that she will show improvement. Beyond that, I, of course, can say nothing."

A force of 200 police, mounted and afoot, firemen, legionnaires and cemetery workers struggled all day to keep the milling masses of humanity in line and behind stout barriers of wood and rope.

Yesterday saw the most amazing turnout of pilgrims to seek cures at the priest's grave since the rush began several weeks ago. From early morning until late at night the cemetery was black with people ever striving to reach the spot where modern miracles have been reported.

Thousands who stayed close to the vigil lights above the grave all through the night were augmented by many thousands more as the Sunday dawn spread its dim light through the cemetery.

Faster and faster the multitude poured from street cars, automobiles and buses until there were 50,000 in line long before the morning was well under way.

Malden threw extra police into the breach until the entire reserve force was exhausted. Three mounted metropolitan police backed their horses into the crowd.

Long double lines of pilgrims wound all over the cemetery converging at South Oak avenue near the grave. The mounted police continually charged the mass whipping it into line.

Now and then a scream would rise above the murmur of prayer and a fainting woman would be carried from the crush.

**Unfaltering in their faith and undaunted by the heavy rain and wind that swept across Holy Cross cemetery, Malden, today, pilgrims from various parts of the country appealed for relief or cure from ailments through the spirit of the Rev. Patrick J. Power, whose grave has become a refuge of the afflicted. It was estimated 4000 persons had visited the cemetery up to late today.**

#### MANY THERE ALL NIGHT

Even through the silent watches of the night the fervor of persons seeking relief from pain-racked bodies remained undiminished. According to police on duty in the cemetery, the number of pilgrims who remained all night never was less than 300 either at the grave or in All Soul's chapel.

#### WATER AND MUD ANKLE DEEP

Supplicants today were forced to wade through two inches of water and mud ankle deep at the grave.

The continuous patter of the raindrops brought about an atmosphere that appealed to supplicants as an accompaniment from the heavens in their prayers as well as a requiem for the priest through whose soul they seek help.

The crowning feature of yesterday's amazing demonstration of faith was initiated by nearly 200,000 visitors came when Mayor-elect James M. Curley, accompanied by Mrs. Curley, appeared and took their places in line until they finally reached the grave of Fr. Power.

Mrs. Curley has been ill for some time. For several days she appealed to the mayor-elect to take her to the shrine, where she could make a personal prayer for recovery.

#### VISIT CHAPEL LATER

During yesterday afternoon the next mayor of Boston visited the cemetery. With him was his oldest son, James M., Jr. They had come to find out if there would be an opportunity to make their appeal.

Last night, when the rain was falling, the mayor-elect paid his second visit of the day. Mrs. Curley came with him. She was sheltered from the downpour by an umbrella held over her by her husband. Together they knelt at the side of the grave and prayed for relief.

Mrs. Curley was attended by Miss Stella Schirck, her nurse for the past 16 months. Following prayers at the grave the trio went to the chapel, where they lighted vigil candles and added to the prayers they had said at the grave.

When they returned to their home in Jamaica way the mayor-elect was asked for a statement. He said:

#### MAYOR-ELECT'S STATEMENT

"It is impossible to describe the impression which my visits to the grave of Fr. Power made upon me. I believe that I witnessed one of the greatest, if not the greatest exhibition of faith that one has even seen. I was simply astounded.

"I went there this afternoon to satisfy myself that it would be possible to gratify the wish that Mrs. Curley had so expressed in the past few days. She was insistent upon visiting what has come to be known as the Rev. Fr. Power's shrine, and I merely gratified her desire."

When asked if there had been any improvement in Mrs. Curley's condition as a result of her visit to the grave he said: "That is something which will have to be left to divine providence. I hope that she will show improvement. Beyond that I, of course, can say nothing."

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# AUTOS VISIT SHRINE FROM FAR POINTS

Wife of Mayor-Elect Curley  
Seeks Surcease From Illness; Report Many Cures

Two new cures, effected in the driving rain, were claimed today at Fr. Power's grave in Malden. Claire La Flamme, 19, of Lowell, walked after praying in the mud with her parents. She previously had not walked for years. Robert Keating, 33, of West Third st., South Boston, was the subject of a similar cure. Both were infantile paralysis cases.

Oblivious to a drenching downpour, thousands of devout pilgrims flocked to the shrine of Rev. Patrick J. Power in Holy Cross cemetery, Malden, early today, hopeful of further cures.

Braving a sea of water that surrounded the grave two inches deep, men and women made their way to the tomb and knelt in prayer, many of them carrying crippled children.

After a few minutes of silent supplication and the depositing of offerings, they floundered through the storm to the chapel for further prayers.

Some had been there all night, unmindful to the rain which fell steadily, at most times drearily, occasionally beating down in torrents which turned much of the cemetery into a lake.

Umbrellas and raincoats afforded scant protection to the suppliants, but they continued to arrive, the numbers increasing rapidly after 8 o'clock.

## DISTANT AUTOS THERE.

Many of the visitors arrived in automobiles bearing registration plates from other states, some having traveled from as far away as Indiana and Vermont.

Gravely, reverently, their occupants plodded into the cemetery, waded through pools of water and knelt at the tomb, heedless alike of wet feet and drenched clothing.

Afflicted with an illness that for months has left her next to the door of death, Mrs. James M. Curley, wife of Boston's mayor-elect, braved a drenching rain and the chill of night to kneel beside the grave of Fr. Power and fervently ask Divine assistance in her fight for health.

Beside the woman who has been his helpmate in the hard struggle for the place in life he now holds, knelt Mayor-elect Curley, his own

head bowed low and uncovered in prayer to the thousands that went up from the shrine of cures.

The couple rose from the rain-soaked ground and together wound their way through the throngs to the cemetery chapel, where they lighted candles, and then sank again to their knees for another half hour of prayer.

Then, as she walked through the aisles of the cemetery back to the Curley car, Mrs. Curley turned to one of the policemen-escorts and declared: "I feel better."

It was the second visit of the mayor-elect to the shrine during the day. Previously he had gone there, arriving at the peak of the tremendous outpouring, and knelt hardly noticed beside the grave as he made his plea.

## MUCH BETTER, SHE SAYS

During this visit Curley observed a large part of the 200,000 faithful who visited the shrine in one of the greatest religious spectacles in history, and was deeply impressed.

"It is a wonderful sight," he said simply.

The man who was recently elected to his third term as Boston's chief executive, was accompanied in his first visit by his son, James M. Curley, Jr., and a friend, Edward Dolan.

They prayed for a minute at the grave and then started back through the throngs to the cemetery gates. On the way the Mayor-elect asked a Metropolitan policeman when it would be possible to bring a person through the lines with the least interference.

Several hours later he returned with Mrs. Curley, who was warmly clad in a fur coat. Accompanying them was Miss Stella Schirch, the nurse who has been attending Mrs. Curley during her 16 months illness.

The Curley automobile was admitted through the cemetery gates and was driven within 100 yards of the grave where so many cures have been reported. The occupants alighted and walked to the tablet, where they all sank to their knees.

Of the hundreds of persons who saw the machine drive up, only one recognized the Curleys as they walked from the car. This was a Metropolitan policeman, who had known Mrs. Curley for some years. He inquired for her health when she returned to the auto, and she replied: "I am feeling much better, thank you."

## GREATEST SPECTACLE

Later, at his home, Mayor-elect Curley stated that his wife had been showing an improvement during the last few weeks. Asked if she had been benefitted by the visit to the shrine of cures, he replied: "She is certainly none the worse for her visit."

At dawn today a little band of pilgrims were still trekking through the Malden cemetery, despite the heavy rain that fell throughout the night. The little cemetery chapel was the haven in which many took shelter, while they prayed.

This little band was the remainder of the 200,000 persons who had visited the cemetery on Sunday in the greatest religious spectacle in history, from a standpoint of numbers and the intensity of their fervor.

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# EAST BOSTON S. OF I. TO CONDUCT BALL

Orient Heights Lodge to Have Annual Reunion

Orient Heights Lodge, S. of I., of East Boston, will hold its annual reunion and ball in the Crescent Gar-



UPPER—MICHAEL DE GREGORIO

LOWER—JOHN GUARINO

dens Ballroom, Revere Beach, tomorrow evening.

The grand march will be led by Mr and Mrs Vincent Brogna. Mr Brogna is grand venerable of the order in this State.

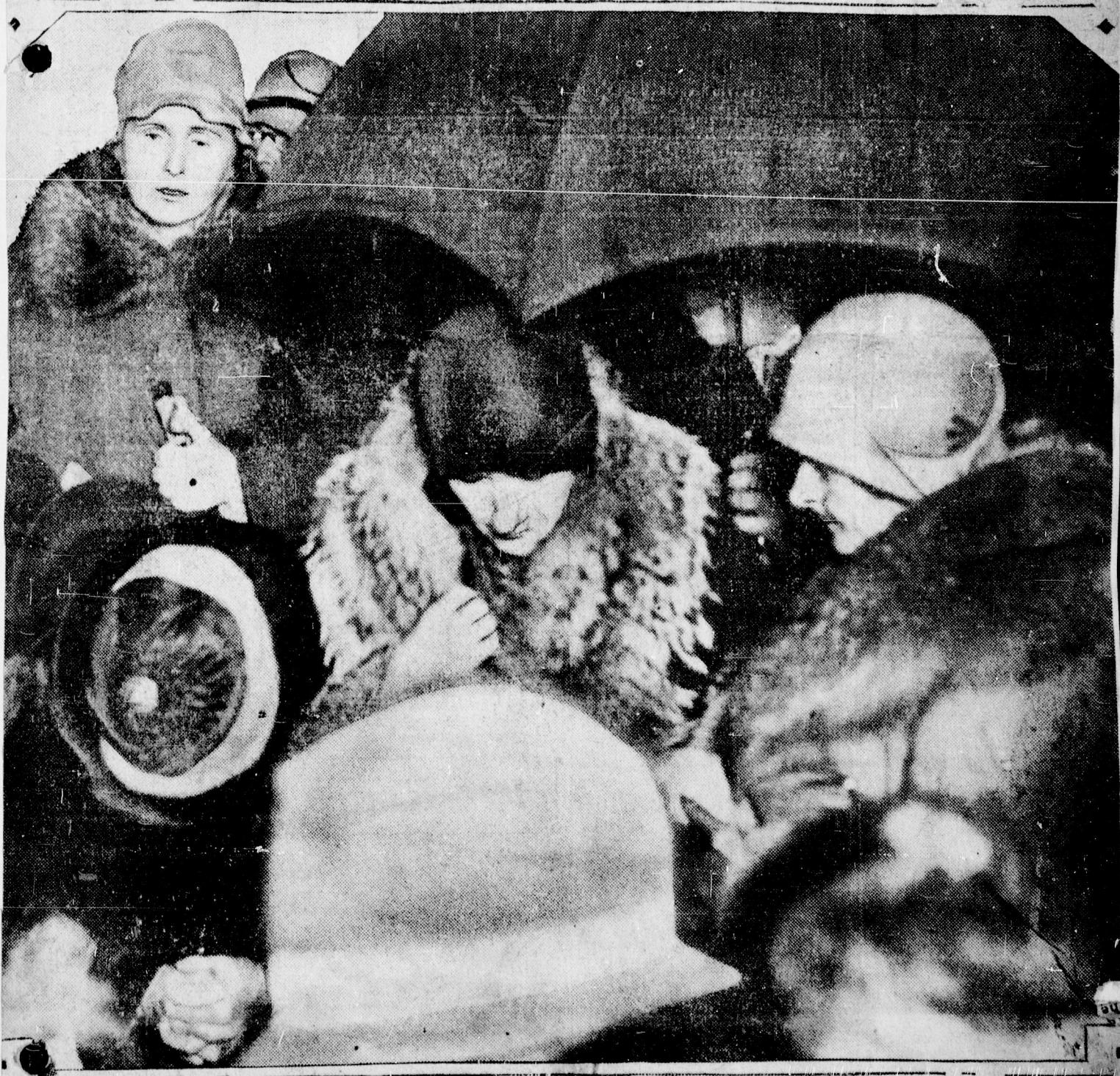
Guests invited include Mayor Andrew A. Casassa of Revere, Mayor-elect James M. Curley of Boston, Pres Timothy F. Donovan of the Boston City Council, Mayor Lawrence F. Quigley of Chelsea, Prof Felix Forte, Representatives Hearn, Barker and Coffey, and members of the Grand Council of the Sons of Italy.

A cabaret entertainment will be presented. Souvenirs will be distributed.

Committee consists of Michael De Gregorio, chairman; John Guarino, secretary; Anthony Vesce, treasurer; Anthony Frederick, Michael Zona, Frank Sacco, Joseph DeFrancesco, Vincent Grasso, Leo Bonanno, Anthony Centracchio, Alfred Abate, Santo Messina and Amadeo Buonopone.

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## *Mrs. Curley Joins Throngs in Prayer for Cure*



*Mrs. Curley*

Willing hands went out to assist Mrs. James M. Curley, wife of the mayor-elect, when she joined the thousands of pilgrims to the grave of the Rev. Patrick Power in Holy Cross Cemetery. The future first lady of the Hub, who

*Nurse Stella Schirch*  
has been seriously ill for months, shown with her nurse, Miss Stella Schirch, as she prayed that her health be returned to her. She later left the grave and walked with her husband to the cemetery chapel. (Staff photo.)

# Registration May Decide 1930 Election

## 18 Republicans Must Emulate the Democratic Methods to Be Sure of Success

By Richard D. Grant

Registration probably will be as large a factor in determining the outcome of the election of 1930 as it was last year, when yeoman work by the Democratic State Committee in organizing the voters, many of them women who never had taken the slightest interest in politics before, was no small instrument in the Smith majority over Hoover. No one doubts that the Democrats will continue their efforts along this line with the governorship the principal stake. And it is not impossible that they may be able to displace Frank G. Allen as chief executive of the Commonwealth unless Republican party leaders are more zealously concerned with organization than they have been in the past.

The old axiom that Republicans vote better on fair days and Democrats on rainy ones is still true although for a different reason. It used to be due to the fact that Democratic strength was concentrated in the cities, where it was easy to reach the polls, while rural Republicans who had to drive several miles over country roads to do so, often found themselves bogged down in some crater-like mud hole along the way. The old excuse does not hold today, however, due principally to the automobile and the excellent highways that came with it. The trouble is, the Republicans are inclined to be apathetic, a state of mind largely contributed to by the frequency with which the G. O. P. has been a winner. Many thousands of Republican voters do not exercise their franchise because they take it for granted that the Republican candidates will win anyway.

Such people must be convinced that their ballots are needed if the party is to continue holding the advantage over its opponents. It is conservatively estimated that if the Republicans can do half as well in registering voters for next year as the Democrats did last year, they should have no trouble in the major contests. In order to do this, however, the local committees must put real effort into the work. They must not only convince voters of the situation but must follow up individual cases and see that the registration has actually taken place. This is hard work and may cost money, but it is insurance against defeat. There has been a disposition in some quarters to minimize the registration activities of the Democrats during last year's campaign but the vote speaks for itself. Nobody can laugh that off.

### Initiative Petitions

Two important initiative petitions at present under way will, if they reach the ballot, have a large influence on the

size of the vote cast. They are the Constitutional Liberty League's petition to repeal the State prohibition enforcement act and the Goodwin compulsory motor vehicle insurance plan which calls for the establishment of a State fund. The prohibition petition already has more than ten thousand signatures in excess of the required amount and, if the Legislature does not take action upon it, can be placed before the voters by the securing of five thousand more signers. Both of these prospective measures are so close to the interests of the individual that their presence on the ballot will inevitably bring about a tremendous outpouring of voters, including persons who probably would otherwise take no interest in the election.

One hears much talk these days, especially from Democrats, that the passing of Somerville and Springfield from Republican to Democratic control are straws which show the way the wind is going to blow next November. Both of these cities, rock-ribbed Republican strongholds as long as most voters can remember, elected Democratic mayors in the recent municipal elections. In the case of Somerville, the reversal was expected, as nearly all observers have been aware for some time that the political complexion of the city was changing from Republican to Democratic, due largely to an influx of industrial population. In Springfield, however, no permanent desertion of the Republican standard is looked for as the city election, being decided upon purely local issues, had really no party significance anyway.

The assumption of the leadership of his party in this State by James M. Curley, immediately after his election as mayor of Boston for the third time, is bound to help the party from the standpoint of organization, in which Mr. Curley is a genius, but the talent he brings in this guise may be counterbalanced by the bitter personal antagonisms which Curley arouses even in his victorious campaigns.

### 100,000 Against Curley

The vote in the Boston city election showed that there are at least 100,000 voters here who will have none of Curley at any price. Nearly all of them voted for Frederick W. Mansfield, whose candidacy, based on no real issue and lacking energetic direction, was not of the type that would win supporters away from Curley through sheer attractiveness of the candidate's personality. About 50,000 others stayed at home. But whether a showdown including these voters would reveal that the city really is anti-Curley, the cold facts are that it is not his by any substantial margin. And it would be rather too much to expect that the mayor-elect will put as much effort into working for the Democratic slate next year in the position of a leader who is not himself a candidate, as he did last year when both he (in a sense) and Al Smith were candidates.

Curley has lost friends among the independent voters by his repeated references to National Committeeman Louis K. Liggett as "Mr. Liggettsky" and by his scathing arraignment of Mrs. Jennie Loitman Barron on the radio. In Liggett's case it is taken as an attempt to manufacture prejudice on a ground which does not exist. The effect of the Barron episode will be seen from analysis of the vote of sections dominantly Jewish in future contests in which Curley, or a candidate supported by him is entered. There are many who hereafter will take Mr. Curley's brave speeches against discrimination because of "race, creed or color" with a grain of salt.

The Curley influence will not extend much outside his normal Boston sphere in State politics. Curley never was able to command even as strong a following

elsewhere through the State as even John F. Fitzgerald and the radio broadcasting of the last campaign has about settled things. There were more people listening in on Curley, Mansfield and Coakley during the last month or so who vote outside of Boston than in it and the lack of constructive platform material that was so glaringly outstanding made no large impression on the small town dweller who is accustomed to hear more real civic issues discussed at one town meeting than in a whole year of broadcasting at the pace set by the three Boston mayoral candidates. As one man put it, "I wouldn't vote for any of them for pound keeper on what they said over the air."

### Tariff May Dwarf All Else

The wet issue remains but may not be as strongly brought out as last year unless there is a disposition on the part of the parties to place wet and dry candidates in opposition. All conjecture based on present conditions may be thrown to the winds, however, if the Southern Democrats and Western insurgent Republicans continue their hammering at eastern interests in the tariff. The tariff is New England's time-honored ally in a business world in which the keenness of competition has made protection an essential to success. Opposition to the interests of New England and Massachusetts industries, continued on the present scale in Congress, will have the effect of placing the Republian party firmly in command here.

Protective duties on merchandise and materials essential to the maintenance of the industries out of which he earns his

living have been so long taken for granted by the average Massachusetts voter that he finds it hard, even now, to realize that they are in danger. At least one great local company, capitalized at \$30,000,000 and specializing in the tanning of hides, already has in mind the closing of an entire plant if the tentative schedule goes through.

The "open-minded" Massachusetts voter has shown occasionally in the past that he may switch, if he can elect his Democrat and have his tariff too. But let him envision such a permanent impairment to his earning capacity through legislative means and he won't waste much time making up his mind how to vote.

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## 45 More Votes Gained by Curley

Gaining 45 more votes in yesterday's session of the recounting of mayorality ballots in City Hall Mayor-Elect James M. Curley was 304 votes ahead of the first announced plurality of 19,517.

On the fourth day of the recount, there remained 156 more precincts to be examined.

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## MAYOR-ELECT CURLEY AND WIFE PRAYING IN RAIN AT SHRINE



This remarkable flashlight photograph was taken last night at the grave of Fr. Power in Holy Cross cemetery, Malden. In the centre, wearing coat with large fur collar, is Mrs. James M. Curley, kneeling and asking divine aid for her sufferings. Mayor-Elect Curley, with the lower part of his face visible, is kneeling behind her, holding an umbrella. At her left is the nurse, Miss Stella M. Schirck.

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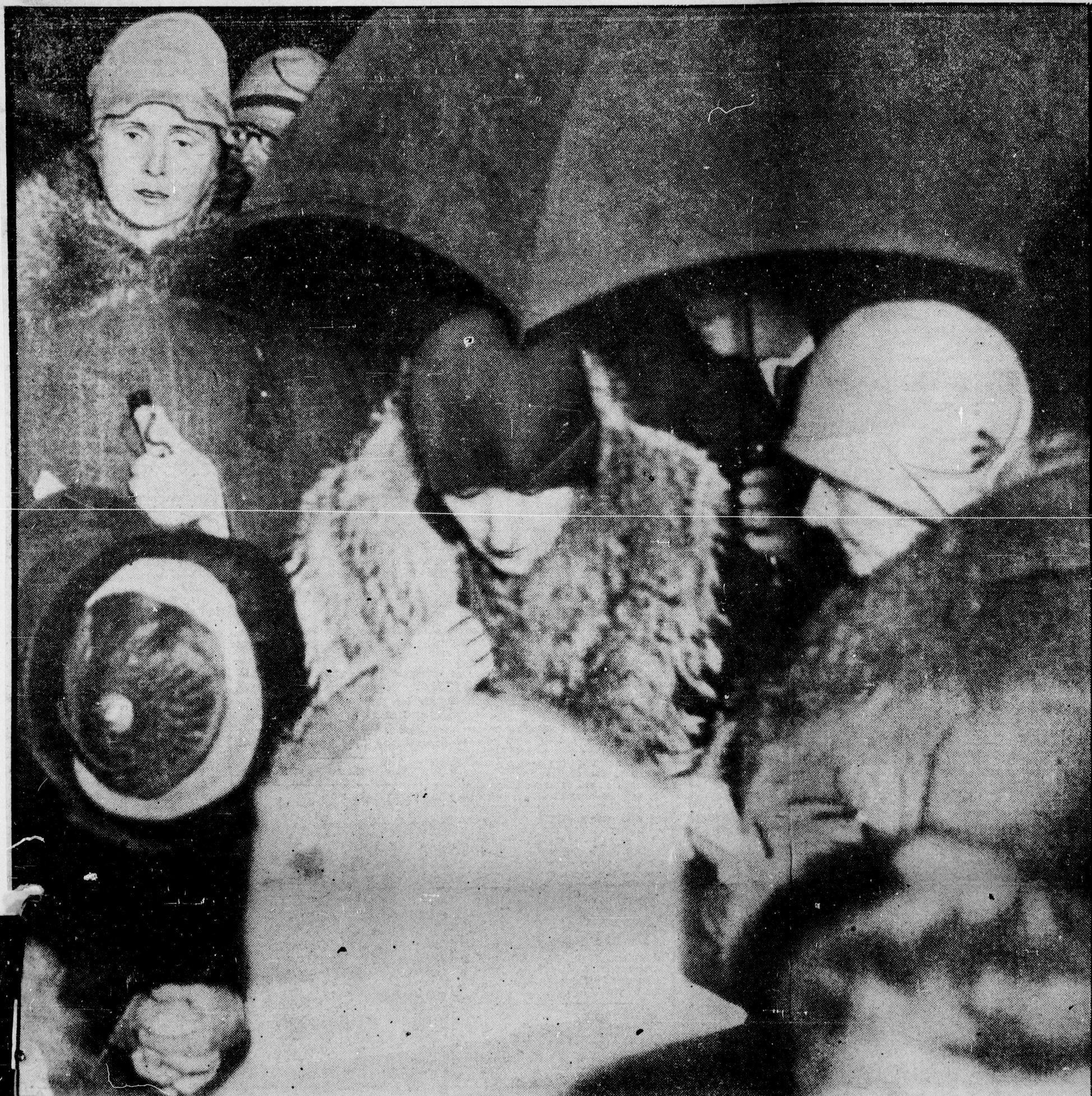
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# MRS. CURLEY, ILL, AT SHRINE

**Mayor-Elect's Wife in Throng of 200,000**

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**MRS. CURLEY, SERIOUSLY ILL, JOINS PILGRIMS OF FAITH AT SHRINE**

Assisted by willing hands, Mrs. James M. Curley, wife of the mayor-elect, center, under umbrella, ill for months past, knelt in prayer at the miracle shrine grave of Fr. Power in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden, last night, to seek relief from her affliction. This remarkable photo

shows the future Hub first lady kneeling and asking Divine Aid in her illness. Despite the steady rain, Mrs. Curley left the tomb and walked to the chapel, where she again knelt in prayer. The mayor-elect, who was with her, had previously visited the tomb in the afternoon.

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# MRS. CURLEY IN VISIT TO SHRINE

**Mayor-Elect Accompanies Invalid Wife in Night Pilgrimage-- Couple Kneel in Drizzling Rain and Pray for Her Total Restoration to Health---**

## **Worship at Chapel Later**

A dramatic climax to a day which brought forth a record-breaking crowd that sought divine intercession at the grave of the Rev. Father Patrick J. Power in Holy Cross Cemetery at Malden, came last night when Mayor-elect James M. Curley brought his sick wife to the grave of the young priest. It was the second visit of Mr. Curley during the day.

Last night, with the cemetery still jammed with people, the officials estimated that between 150,000 and 200,000 people passed through the gates during the day.

### **NURSE WITH HER**

Braving a drizzling rain, Mrs. Curley, wrapped in a fur coat with the collar turned up, was accompanied to the grave by her husband and the nurse who has been attending her during her 16-months' illness, Miss Stella Schirch. They knelt a few seconds with a dozen other pilgrims at the plain, marble slab and then walked to the little chapel nearby. Here they went to the altar railing, lighted vigil candles and prayed.

The Curley automobile was admitted inside the cemetery and was driven within 100 yards of the last resting place of the young priest, where miraculous healing powers have been claimed. The trio alighted and walked with the other visitors through a fine rain to the grave.

Of the hundreds of people in the cemetery at the time, only one recognized Mrs. Curley as she walked with her husband through the darkness to the grave and the chapel. He was a Metropolitan police officer who had known Mrs. Curley for some years. He inquired for her health as she entered the automobile, which drew up to the chapel door, and she answered: "I am feeling much better, thank you."

### **Has Shown Improvement**

Last night at his home Mr. Curley stated that his wife has shown an improvement during recent weeks. When asked if he believed that she was benefitted by her visit to Father Power's grave, he answered: "She is certainly none the worse for her visit."

Mr. and Mrs. Curley and the latter's nurse were in the cemetery about half an hour. Most of that time was spent in the chapel praying.

The first visit of the man who was recently chosen for his third term as Mayor of Boston was late yesterday afternoon. He came to the cemetery accompanied by his son, James M. Curley, Jr., and Edward Dolan. This visit was brief. They prayed for a minute at the grave and then passed out. On his way to the gate Mr. Curley asked

a policeman when it would be possible to bring a person through the lines with the least interference to the other visitors. He was told to come at 8:30 in the evening.

While the visitors could only be estimated in thousands, it was not their numbers but their conduct that caused observers to wonder. In recent years great gatherings of people have ceased to be a novelty. In one day great masses of people have rubbed elbows at beaches, parades and football games. But the atmosphere and spirit of the visitors on these occasions was far from the attitude that prevailed yesterday at the Malden cemetery.

Hour after hour, from morning until night, these pilgrims to the grave of Father Power stood in lines. Their objective was a six-foot grave, surmounted by a plain marble slab, where remarkable curative powers have been claimed. As they waited there was no loud talk or noise of any description. Many had their rosary beads in their hands and prayed as they waited their turn to get close to the grave.

### **Far-Reaching Lines**

The lines, doubled and some times tripled, reached up and down Mountain avenue, the main thoroughfare through the cemetery, from gate to gate. Often the end of the procession could be seen among the gravestones in the distance. On one side it twined up the avenue to the main gate, made a turn and came back to the grave. A similar line was made by the people from the opposite entrance on Lynn street.

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They waited patiently, at times moving less than 50 yards in an hour. Inquiries of those who had made their way to the head of the lines revealed that these people had waited from five to seven hours to get close to that marble slab. Yet there was no complaining, no protests that progress was too slow. They were only too willing to stand aside and allow a crippled or deformed supplicant take their place and pray at the grave.

At intervals during the day the crowds gathered around nine people who reported that their physical ailments had been aided by visiting the grave of the priest. Some reported that they were able to rest crippled feet on the ground for the first time; raise paralyzed arms and walk stronger and straighter than before they made their pilgrimage.

#### Crowd Easy to Handle

Some 200 policemen, firemen and Legionnaires did an excellent job in keeping the crowd moving toward the grave. Apprehension was expressed that the large throng, with only a few feet of fencing erected, would get out of hand and become unmanageable. But nothing of the sort occurred. It was an easy crowd to handle and when these guardians in uniform asked them to fall back they did so without a murmur of protest.

They came to the grave in Malden from every section of New England and many from distant States. For miles on either side of the cemetery cars of every description and lumbering busses were parked. They came singly and in pilgrimage groups of 50 and 100. The Elevated terminal at Everett swarmed with people. Though they ran cars to the cemetery every two minutes, there was not a car that was not crowded from door to door.

Last night 12 jammed surface cars, a short distance apart, were counted making their way slowly through the traffic to the terminal.

The visitors could be selected at random from any city directory. They represented every race and every class of people. There were priests and laymen, bankers and laborers, women in expensive furs and women in shabby coats. But they came with a common purpose, to ask aid for the afflicted.

#### Curley Prays for Wife

Late in the afternoon Mayor-elect James M. Curley, accompanied by his son, James M. Curley, Jr., and Edward Delan, came to the cemetery and after waiting some time in line, knelt at the grave of Father Power and prayed for the recovery of his wife. "This is a wonderful sight," he said in reference to the thousands of people who were massed about the grave.

Late in the afternoon there was an impressive scene at the Little All Souls' Chapel on a knoll in the cemetery, a short distance from the grave of Father Power. Its seating capacity is limited to 300 and many times that number found it impossible to get inside the doors when the benediction of the blessed sacrament was celebrated by the Rev. George A. Gately of St. Joseph's Church. The doors of the little church were opened and hundreds of men and women knelt on the gravel in the church yard and solemnly bowed their heads in prayer.

In the early hours of the morning, long before daybreak, a line of pilgrims, several hundred yards long, were in the cemetery. Among them were men in tuxedos and women in evening gowns. Many came from distant places over the road. At 3 o'clock in the morning five cars filled with people drove up to the cemetery gates from Burlington, Vt.

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# SLATTERY IN RAP AT MRS. BARRON

Charges Her With Withholding Facts in Recent Campaign--Both Speak at School Dedication

for other than classroom purposes.

#### Says Portables Always Needed

"That is the problem the Schoolhouse Commission faces," he said, "and those are the figures which my very, very good friend Mrs. Barron"—he turned and bowed politely to the woman school committeeman—"failed to mention during the last campaign.

"We will always have portable schools in Boston. We can never have less than 55 portable schools, I think, because of the floating population.

"And if the new body can do better; if they can plan, build and equip a new high school for use in less than a year, I take my hat off to them. Furthermore, I will say now that whenever I am able to help them, I will co-operate to the utmost of my ability.

"And that," he concluded, "is what I bring you from Mayor Nichols."

Mrs. Barron followed him, disregarding his charge that she had been guilty of omissions, and stating that "such matters weren't the sort I like to speak of at such a jollification."

"But since my name has been mentioned two or three times by Mr. Slattery—my good friend Mr. Slattery—let me say that there was no attempt on the part of the school committee, or myself to criticise Mr. Slattery. Let me say that we made no attack on the commission of the last few years, but upon the system. We merely sought out a constructive cure."

To a Post reporter later Mrs. Barron said, she thought Mr. Slattery's remarks about her were because he felt sensitive over losing his job when the voters abolished the Schoolhouse Commission.

#### Praise for School

Miss Mabel Ellery Adams, principal of the school, and the men and women who assist her in the work of teaching the deaf to speak, came in for their full share of praise yesterday from a long list of speakers. A message from Governor Allen was read to the alumni and friends of the school who were present for the combined dedication and observance of the 60th anniversary of the school. Patrick T. Campbell, assistant superintendent of schools, and Augustine L. Rafter, his predecessor, were heard, and Frank W. Wright, deputy commissioner, appeared for the State department of education.

#### Figures of School Growth

He analyzed the growth of the school population since 1901, when the commission was first formed, and outlined the efforts which have been made to keep step with the housing problem.

"The claim was made during the campaign," he said, "that the commission has never adequately housed the children of Boston. That fact was placed before the voters but other facts were not."

"The school population of Boston has increased 49,231 since 1901," he went on, "and in the same period additional permanent school accommodations have been provided for 80,851 children. At present there are 2240 seats in vacant classrooms; there are vacant seats in classrooms still being used sufficient to accommodate 7253 children. Abandonment or demolition of other buildings accounts for the loss of 5550 additional seats. Reduction of the number of pupils per classroom—accomplished for good reason, no doubt—means a loss of 18,960 seats, and there are over 17,000 seats available in classrooms now used

GLOBE 11/18/29

# CURLEY AND WIFE KNEEL AT SHRINE

**Mayor-Elect Visits Fr Power's Grave  
Twice—More Than 150,000 Make  
Pilgrimages to Cemetery**

**Legion Helps  
Police Guard**

**Two Lines to Spot  
Moving All Day**

**Soil Constantly  
Replenished**

**Many Bring Water Bottles  
to Touch to Grave**

She and her husband knelt humbly, lips moving in supplication, as the rain fell on the cold slab over the grave. In the near vicinity some 600, undeterred by the rain, were also in silent prayer or else were filing to All Souls' Chapel in the cemetery. Mrs Curley and the Mayor-elect visited the chapel also before leaving the cemetery.

It was Mayor-elect Curley's second visit of the day to Fr Power's grave.

#### **Prays With His Son**

In the afternoon Mr Curley, dressed in somber black, prayed at the grave on his knees beside his eldest son, James M. Curley Jr. Accompanied by Edmund L. Dolan, formerly sinking fund commissioner of Boston, they had shuffled through the cemetery in one of the long lines to the grave to pray for divine assistance for Mrs Curley, who has been ill almost two years.

Through the night, the cold dark hours before dawn, through the bleak day and into the night again, the thousands from far and near filed into Holy Cross Cemetery to pray at the grave of this young priest, dead 60 years, attracted by the reported cures from mental and bodily afflictions attributed to the intercession of this young man.

MALDEN, Nov 17—Mrs Mary Curley, accompanied by her husband, Mayor-elect James M. Curley of Boston, visited the grave of Rev Patrick Joseph Power in Holy Cross Cemetery at 8:50 tonight, adding her prayer to those uttered during the day by some 150,000 pilgrims, the largest throng to visit this spot to date.

**CURLEY PICKS UP  
45 MORE VOTES**

**Net Gain Since Recount  
Was Begun Now Stands  
at 304**

Former Mayor James M. Curley gained 45 votes when the board of election commissioners recounted ballots in 22 precincts at City Hall today. The total gain for Curley in 183 out of 339 precincts at noon was 304. Returns on election night gave him 19,517 plurality over Frederick W. Mansfield.

The official vote on the schoolhouse commission referendum was announced today. The delay was caused when records of two precincts of ward 18 were locked in ballot boxes and not reached until today. The official announcement, as made by Paul D. Kane, assistant chief registrar of the election department, gives: Yes, 110,453; no, 57,276; blanks, 50,632. The report was forwarded to the mayor and school committee and appointments now may be made.

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School Committee. Mrs. Pigeon received 71079 votes, and Henry Sullivan finished fifth with 36,665 votes.

In ward 6 present City Councillor Michael J. Mahoney received 3,558 votes and George P. Donovan who was second received 2,432 votes. George H. Lawless was third with 880 votes, Coleman J. Nee was fourth with 849 votes, Norton C. O'Brien, fifth with 663 votes, and James H. McCarthy was sixth with 386 votes.

In ward 7 the present City Councillor William G. Lynch with 3,644 votes just nosed out former Representative Maurice E. Foley, who had 3,523 votes. B. J. Hagerty was third with 1,222 votes, and Thomas E. Goggin received 1,190 votes.

As I said, the battle is over, and the smoke of the battle has cleared and the people of Boston can see before them a happy four years with a man at the helm as Mayor upon whom they can depend to protect their interests and give to Boston the best adminis-

tration ever known. The Inquirer wishes to congratulate the 12,840 voters who went to the polls on election day and voted for James M. Curley, and they can feel happy in the thought that they have contributed generously towards the election of a real leader, and able executive, and a real friend for South Boston.

Yours in Victory,  
MR. SPARTACUS.

## DOR. NEWS 11/9/29

### CURLEY'S CHANCE

*Dor News 11/9*

Tuesday's decisive victory of former Mayor James M. Curley returns to the Mayor's chair a man of wide experience in municipal affairs. His support by all factions within his own political party and the widespread support of those outside his party places him in office without any special obligation to any clique, but with a general responsibility to all the citizens of Boston.

Under the circumstances he should be practically free of any promises to be fulfilled, except those promises he gave to the people of Boston to give them an administration of which they must be proud.

His experience and his ability qualify him to give Boston the finest administration in its history. He can do it if he will and we understand that it is his great aim and ambition to give Boston that kind of administration.

His announced program for the future, though not complete, is comprehensive and sound and he should have the hearty co-operation of the city council in making good on it. He should have the co-operation also of all the people of the city in his great undertaking.

As we understand the situation Mr. Curley is not content to end his political career in the Mayor's chair, but aspires to a greater honor and to that end he is consecrating himself to a real, progressive business administration of Boston. We hope that he will deliver in full and have confidence that he will.

And if he does, a few years hence we will not hesitate to do what we can to help him gain higher honors.

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## CITY HALL HOLD-OVERS

When Mayor Curley, frock-coated, takes his seat in his former School Street office Monday, January 6, he will receive the greetings of twelve department heads whom he named and Mayor Nichols retained. Three more executive officers who will shake hands go back as far as ex-Mayors John F. Fitzgerald and Andrew J. Peters. Altogether there are thirty-one executive departments, six of which are under the supervision of unpaid boards, or trustees who serve without pay. Disregard those six as not coveted by office-seekers, and there are twenty-five "plums" at the disposal of the Mayor. That is, three-fifths of the key men of the municipality have carried on in successive administrations. We do not know how this compares with the record at the State House, but we do know that it is a condition which the average person does not know about and therefore does not appreciate.

Candidates for city office say so much about the sins of their opponents that many persons think of City Hall as a nest of inefficiency. It is inevitable that there should be some incompetence in various national, state, county, city and town departments. The trend, however, as shown in Boston, among other places, is toward able men as permanent officers. The average head of a city department would probably make a creditable showing in private business. The length of service of these men at City Hall seems to prove at the very least that the anomalies of a municipal campaign do not usually survive the election, and that an honorable and valuable municipal career, with some certainty of tenure, is not an impossibility.

## TRAVELER 11/19/29 CURLEY'S NET GAIN TO DATE, 403 VOTES

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Plurality Over Mansfield Is  
Now 20,034

With 204 out of Boston's 339 precincts counted up to last night, Mayor-elect Curley raised his winning plurality over Frederick W. Mansfield to 20,034 votes. Mayor-elect Curley's net gain in the 43 precincts counted yesterday was 105, making a total net gain of 403 votes.

The official election returns were announced by the election commissioners yesterday after they had opened up the ballot boxes sealed by mistake with election returns from five precincts. The official count, which is being changed daily by the recount gave Curley 116,590, Mansfield 96,959 and Coakley 2876, making Curley's official plurality 19,631.

The official vote for school committee gave Mrs. Elizabeth W. Pigeon 71,073, William A. Reilly 44,935 and Dr. Charles E. Mackey 44,404 votes. Reilly gained 40 more votes in the recount yesterday.

The official vote on the referendum on the present schoolhouse commission was certified by the election commissioners, as 110,453 in the affirmative, 57,276 in the negative with 50,632 blanks, showing a total vote cast of 218,361.

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## ADD 403 VOTES FOR CURLEY

Plurality From 204 Pre-  
cincts Over 20,000

Mayor-elect Curley's winning plurality over Frederick W. Mansfield passed the 20,000 mark yesterday in the recount of the votes cast for Mayor in the recent city election. With 204 out of the 339 precincts recounted at closing hour last night, the next mayor had run up a margin of 20,034 votes.

In the 43 precincts recounted yesterday Curley made a net gain of 105 votes above the original returns made on election night from these precincts. To date in the recount he had gained 403 votes.

The Election Commission announced that the official returns on the school committee contest gave Mrs. Elizabeth West Pigeon of East Boston 71,073 votes; William A. Reilly of Jamaica Plain 44,935, and Dr. Charles E. Mackey of South Boston 44,404 votes. In the recount of 43 precincts yesterday Reilly gained 40 more votes.

Passage of the referendum providing for the abolition of the present Schoolhouse Commission and the creation of a new commission and a new department of school buildings was certified by the Election Commission. The official vote was 110,453 in the affirmative, 57,276 in the negative, and 50,632 blank ballots, indicating that 218,361 voters went to the polls.

### Ready for Fight or Frolic

The Governor looked to be, and said he is, in the pink of condition for a fight or a frolic. With Mrs. Fuller, he has been enjoying a seven weeks' stay in Paris, Spain and England. When New York photographers invited him and his charming wife to step up to the top deck of the Leviathan to be snapped the Governor went looking for Mrs. Fuller, with the remark: "It will give her a chance to show her new furs."

"What do you call those new furs?" the Governor was asked.

"Expensive," was his only reply.

Mrs. Fuller explained that the furs, which furnish the trimming of a new violet shade, cloth coat, are purple-colored moleskin. They made a hit along the deck of the Leviathan today. Mrs. Fuller also brought along with her a cage of birds of rare breed.

### Silent on Curley's Election

Mr. Fuller heard about Curley's election as mayor of Boston and of the ousting of John C. L. Dowling, his appointee as chairman of the Boston Finance Commission, replaced by Frank A. Goodwin. He declined to comment in any way on either happening.

The Governor and Mrs. Fuller were met at the pier after 11 o'clock in the morning by Mrs. O. M. Halsey, sister of Governor Fuller, and W. H. Foster, secretary to Mr. Fuller in business.

After this session with the newspaper reporters, the Governor waved the scribes away with the remark:

"Nothing more to say now, boys. I am off for home and the children, the Harvard-Yale football game and Thanksgiving." The Fuller party left for Boston on the 5 o'clock train this afternoon.

On board the Leviathan today also were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. O'Neill of Boston and Mrs. Mary E. Burke of Washington, who have been traveling together in a two months' tour of Italy, Germany, France, Switzerland, Spain, Egypt and Ireland.

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## CURLEY'S RECOUNT

**14 LEAD NOW 20,034**

Mayor-Elect's Gain in 43  
Precincts Yesterday 105

Completion of Tabulation in 135

Others Expected by Thursday

As the Election Department proceeded with the recount of the Nov 5 vote at City Hall Annex yesterday, Mayor-Elect Curley's plurality over Frederick W. Mansfield rose for the first time above the 20,000-vote margin named in many bets.

Whether Curley's plurality turns out finally to be really in excess of 20,000, however, depends upon the complexion of the recount in the city's remaining 135 precincts. Only 204 precincts have been recounted.

Curley netted a 105-vote gain over Mansfield in the 43 precincts recounted yesterday. In the 181 precincts recounted last week, Curley netted a 298-vote gain.

Asst Chief Registrar Paul D. Kane announced yesterday that his special corps of workers has determined the "original" compilation of Curley's election-day vote as 19,631 votes. This figure is greater by 114 votes than the 19,517 votes accredited to Curley in returns furnished the press.

Thus, Curley's gains of 105 votes, 298 votes and 114 votes, are added to the 19,517-vote margin issued to and published in the press on Nov 6, it will be seen that Curley's margin now is 20,034.

Thursday night will see completion of the recount, it is expected.

In the recount of the School Committee vote, to determine winners of second and third place, School Committeeman-Elect W. A. Reilly netted another gain of 28 votes yesterday over Dr C. E. Mackey, and Reilly's margin stands now well over the \$00 mark.

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## CURLEY TOTAL PASSES 20,000

Ex-Mayor Gains 88 More  
Votes in Recount

At 1 this afternoon, when 29 more precincts had been recounted, Ex-Mayor Curley's plurality in the Nov 5 election over Frederick W. Mansfield stood at 20,076, Curley having scored a net gain of 88 votes in the 29 precincts recounted this forenoon.

William A. Reilly netted another small gain, thus strengthening further his position as winner of second School Committee vacancy.

# LOYAL SOUTH BOSTON WENT THROUGH AS USUAL ON ELECTION DAY AND VOTED OVER 12,000 STRONG FOR JAMES MICHAEL CURLEY

Mr. Spartacus, the Democrat, Said the Victorious Army Should be Magnanimous and Pass by with a Smile, the Enemy of Yesterday

The fight has been fought and the gallant leader of the Boston Democracy, the Honorable James M. Curley, led his army of 116,463 people to victory.

South Boston as usual proved its loyalty and devotion to the great leader by casting 12,840 votes for the next mayor, the largest vote ever given to Mayor Curley in any section of Boston.

The men and women of this section can well be proud of their contribution to South Boston's best friend, and Ward 7 has the honor of leading all of the wards in Boston for casting the greatest number of votes 6,829, for Curley.

Notwithstanding all of the eleventh hour tactics and the expenditure of vast sums of money, the Mansfield forces in this district failed to make the inroads into the Curley votes which they had hoped for.

Victory is ours and I believe it will be more chivalrous if we will be magnanimous and forget, at least for the present time, the enemy, and rejoice simply in the victory.

The election of James M. Curley no one has doubted, and it was indeed too bad that unforeseen things happened in this district which prevented South Boston giving Curley a 100 per cent support. As it was Curley carried wards six and seven by two and one half to one.

The fight is over and all we should be interested in now is the vote of Boston, and particularly the vote of South Boston. I still hope to see Democrats who have strayed from the fold return and work for the uplift of the district and the city, instead of acting like infants and walking around with chips on their shoulders.

If you recall in practically every issue of the Inquirer since this fight has been on I have been warning the voters of South Boston that an attempt was being made to sell out to the Republican Party, and that Mansfield although he claims to be a Democrat was really the candidate of the Republican machine, and the Republican controlled Good Government Association. If you look over the votes cast in the different sections of Boston and if you read the statements of the Republican leaders in Boston you will find that I told the truth when I made the accusation and put the mark of Republicanism on Mansfield.

The Inquirer is proud of its work in behalf of James M. Curley and at all



HON. JAMES M. CURLEY

times during the fight we have endeavored to present truths which today the voters of South Boston know were correct statements.

Curley received 6,911 votes in Ward 6 and 6,829 votes in Ward 7. Mansfield received 3,106 votes in Ward 6, and 2,966 in Ward 7. Curley carried every precinct, in the district and those who tried to deliver votes in Ward 6 in behalf of Mansfield made a very poor showing.

There isn't any need of dwelling at length on the contest except that former Mayor James M. Curley and the Mayor-elect James M. Curley wishes the Inquirer to express to the voters of

the district his sincere thanks and appreciation for the loyalty which they have shown during the contest. He further says that South Boston can depend upon him in every thing that it needs during the next four years.

In the School Committee fight Dr. Charles E. Mackey received 44,340 votes, and there is some question yet as to whether or not he was elected. William A. Reilly is credited with receiving 71,079 votes, and Henry Sulinoe out Dr. Mackey, but a recount has been called for and it will be a short time before we will learn who the second person is to serve with Mrs. Pigeon, as a member of the

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CURLEY,  
MANSFIELD,

COAKLEY

FILE EXPENSES  
OF CAMPAIGN

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# \$2598 PAID OUT BY MAYOR-ELECT

## Mansfield Spends Limit, \$3000 —Coakley's Costs \$1807

City Clerk Wilfred J. Doyle yesterday received the personal campaign expense accounts of Mayor-Elect James M. Curley, Frederick W. Mansfield and Daniel H. Coakley. It was the last day under the law for filing. Mr Mansfield spent \$3000, the limit of the law. Mayor-Elect Curley spent \$2598 and Mr Coakley, \$1807.

Badges and campaign buttons accounted for \$1120 of Mr Curley's personal expense, and \$262.37 was paid the municipal treasury for the hire of halls in municipal buildings for rallies. The largest item in Mr Mansfield's account was \$2635 to his campaign committee, and Mr Coakley's largest item was \$725 to station WNAC for 48 minutes on the radio.

### CURLEY RECOUNT TOTAL DECREASES SLIGHTLY

Although the Curley plurality remained well above the 20,000 level when 25 more Boston precincts were recounted at City Hall Annex, this afternoon at 1, there were slight recessions from the 20,136 margin, and small gains were realized in the Mansfield vote.

City Councilor-Elect F. D. Kelly was found to have netted two more votes than the 53 accredited to him in the original count. The official total of his plurality over Councilor T. W. McMahon, when the ward was completely recounted this noon, was 55 votes.

When the Ward 9 Council vote was recounted completely, Councilor-elect Richard D. Gleason had netted a 111-vote gain.

## TODAY CURLEY'S 55TH BIRTHDAY

Family Good Time Tonight  
Only Observance



MAYOR-ELECT JAMES M. CURLEY

Mayor-Elect James M. Curley is 55 today, "and still going good, thanks!" he remarked when asked about it today at his Court-st office.

The occasion will be marked only by a family good-time tonight at the Curley Jamaicaway home, to which a few intimate friends have been invited.

Mrs Curley's birthday comes on Thanksgiving Day, next week.

## Recount Ends with Curley Lead 20,457

Upon the completion this noon of the recount of the votes in the city election of Nov. 5, the Board of Election Commissioners announced that Mayor-elect Curley was given a third four-year term in office by a plurality of 20,457 over Frederick W. Mansfield. Rechecking of the votes in the whole city gave Curley a net gain of 826 over the official plurality of 19,631.

The recount of the total vote in the School Committee contests failed to make any change in the result shown in the election night returns which gave William A. Reilly second position over Dr. C. E. Mackey of South Boston. In the recount, Reilly made a net gain of 784, boosting his margin over Mackey to 1315 votes.

The recount resulted in no shifts in the City Council contests, one of the features in this rechecking being the very slight change in the Ward 15 contest. In the original returns, Councilor Thom as W. McMahon was defeated for re-election by Francis E. Kelly by 53 votes. In the recount Kelly's margin was 55.

## Letters to the Editor

### MR. CURLEY AND MRS. BARRON

To the Editor of the Transcript:

I have just read the article in today's Transcript by Mr. Richard D. Grant, and must take issue with many of the statements made by him referring to the Honorable James M. Curley. Mr. Curley has not lost friends by his statement of Mrs. Jennie Loitman Barron's position in the recent mayoralty campaign. In the first place if any one is to take issue with Mr. Curley's statement they should appreciate that Mr. Curley stated the facts as I gave them to him. The question of veracity is between Mrs. Barron and myself.

Mr. Curley made no attack upon Mrs. Barron as a Jewess. He merely gave the public information that I gave him, information given to him by a member of the same faith as Mrs. Barron. I am a Jew and I resented Mrs. Barron's behavior in the mayoralty campaign, not because she was a Jew, but because she had not acted fairly. I have been commended by many members of my faith in making known Mrs. Barron's exact position in the campaign.

Mr. Curley has always been fair to all creeds, and if Mr. Grant would carefully analyze the vote in Jewish Republican districts he will find that Mr. Curley received a strong Jewish Republican vote. Mr. Curley has appointed in the past men of all creeds and color to the various city positions, in fact, more so than any other mayor. Does this show that he discriminates against race, creed or color?

SAMUEL R. GOODWIN

Boston, Nov. 18

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## Curley Personally Spent \$2498 While Mansfield Used \$3000, Coakley \$1807

*H 20/29*  
Mayor-elect James M. Curley spent \$2498.82 out of his own pocket in the interest of his successful campaign for the office of mayor, while Frederick W. Mansfield and Daniel H. Coakley, defeated candidates, spent \$3000 and \$1807 respectively. Mansfield went the limit as the law allows each candidate to spend \$3000 personally.

The expense accounts for personal funds were filed by the three mayoral candidates with City Clerk Wilfred J. Doyle yesterday, the last day under the law. The campaign committees of the candidates have still 16 more days to go, however, before making known their expenditures, which—under the law—have no set limit.

The majority of Mayor-elect Curley's personal money went for badges and campaign buttons, the sum of \$1120 being spent on those two items. He also paid the city treasury the sum of \$262.37 for hire of halls in municipal buildings and schoolhouses where rallies in his behalf were held. One item, listed as far back as June 8, went for signs at \$45.

The largest item in Mansfield's personal contribution went in the form of a payment of \$2635 to his campaign committee, with \$115 for rent for his campaign headquarters in the Lawyers' building, and the rest for signs and incidentals.

The largest part of Coakley's personal contribution went to station WNAC for time on the radio, the sum of \$725 being listed for 48 minutes and 20 seconds before the microphone. Symphony hall cost him \$415 for his big

rally and \$200 was listed for the hiring of a Roxbury theatre for another rally. The hiring of chairs was listed at \$60 and signs cost him \$99.

William A. Reilly of Jamaica Plain spent \$743.50 to win his unpaid job on the school committee, most of his expenditures being for printing, stamps and advertising.

Henry A. Sassano of West Roxbury, outdid both Curley and Coakley in the matter of expenses and filed the sum of \$2786.35 as spent by him in an effort to obtain an unpaid job on the school committee. Mrs. Elizabeth W. Pigeon, first place winner in the school committee fight did not file expense returns and Henry J. Sullivan of South Boston who ran fifth in the race was the only candidate to report that he had spent nothing in his campaign.

### CURLEY GAINS 102

#### Plurality, with 81 Precincts Left to Be Counted, Totals 20,136

With only 81 of the 339 precincts in the city to be recounted, Mayor-elect Curley last night saw his victorious plurality raised to the new height of 20,136 votes over Mansfield. In the 54 precincts recounted yesterday, Curley made a net gain of 102 votes over Mansfield, bringing his total advance to 505.

William A. Reilly of Jamaica Plain, winner of second place in the school committee fight, increased his plurality over Dr. Charles E. Mackey of South Boston to 783 votes with a gain of 65 votes yesterday.

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## CURLEY'S EXPENSES

\$2498.82

## Campaign Fund Report Reveals Mansfield Spent \$3000

Campaign fund returns filed yesterday with City Clerk Wilfred J. Doyle at City Hall revealed, that Frederick W. Mansfield went the limit and spent \$3000 out of his own pocket, while Mayor-elect Curley paid out \$2498.82, and Daniel H. Coakley, who ran third, spent \$1807.

### CANDIDATES' LAST DAY

Yesterday was the last day for the candidates to file returns and they all were on deck. But their campaign committees, under the law, still have 16 more days to go. Committees are given 30 days to make returns. And that is where the big money is spent, there being no limit set by law. Individual candidates may spend personally \$3000.

The greater part of Mansfield's expenses went to his campaign committee in the form of a contribution of \$2635. Among the other items listed were \$115 for rent of headquarters in the Lawyers' building and the rest for signs and incidentals.

### Money for Badges and Buttons

Most of Curley's personal money went for badges and campaign buttons, items for these purposes totalling \$1120. He also gave the city treasury a cut of \$262.37 in the payment for the hire of halls in municipal buildings and schoolhouses where meetings were held. He listed an item of \$45 for signs as far back as June 8.

Coakley spent most of his money on the radio, paying station WNAC \$725 for 48 minutes and 20 seconds on the air. The hiring of Symphony Hall for his big rally came next, costing him \$415. Then there was \$200 for hiring a Roxbury theatre, \$99 for signs and \$60 for hiring chairs.

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## CURLEY NOW 20,271 AHEAD

### Picked Up 135 More Votes Yesterday

With only 29 precincts remaining to be recounted today, Mayor-elect Curley had raised his plurality over Frederick W. Mansfield in the recent mayoralty election to 20,271 votes, representing a gain of 640 over the original figures. Of these 135 were added yesterday.

In the recent recount of the votes in his home section of Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury, William Arthur Reilly yesterday picked up a net gain of 403 votes, giving him a winning plurality of 1121 votes over Dr. Charles E. Mackey of South Boston, who petitioned for the recount. The proceedings will end this afternoon at City Hall.

## GLOBE 11/19/29 RECOUNT NOW GIVES CURLEY 20,136 LEAD

### Reilly Again Increases Margin Over Mackey

Mayor-Elect Curley's Nov 5 plurality over Frederick W. Mansfield mounted to 20,136 votes in the continued recounting at City Hall Annex yesterday. It had quite steadily climbed to this high-water mark through a week of refatulation from 19,631, the original count.

Curley's net gain in 54 precincts yesterday was 102 votes. Election Department workers start this morning to recount the 258th precinct, and it now seems a certainty that the entire 339 precincts will have been recounted by tomorrow afternoon.

School Committeeman-Elect William A. Reilly picked up 65 votes more, putting his plurality over Dr. C. E. Mackey of South Boston at 783.

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## GURLEY ON BIRTHDAY DISCUSSES TUNNEL

Says Goodwin Right in  
Attitude Taken

### Mayor Nichols Sends Mayor-Elect "Hearty Congratulations"

Mayor-Elect James M. Curley observed his 55th birthday in a quiet manner at his home on the Jamaica-way, yesterday. He remained at home all day. There were numerous callers during the afternoon and night to congratulate the Mayor-elect and hundreds of telegrams and congratulatory letters were received during the day. He was presented with gifts by members of the family and all attended dinner at the Curley home last night.

The callers were also solicitous about Mrs Curley and it was reported that her condition is just about the same. The Mayor-elect himself is in the best of health and anxious to go to work on municipal business at the start of the year.

### Praises Transit Body

He has many projects in mind, and when asked about the East Boston tunnel situation, he said: "I see no good reason for the failure to accept the opinion and judgment of the Boston Transit Commission. It is a matter of route and location and the Transit Commission has functioned with ability and honesty since its establishment.

"The chairman of the Finance Commission, Mr Goodwin, is to be commended for his stand to prevent the starting of the work until such time as it is definitely determined, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the location is a proper one, because the city of Boston cannot afford to make a mistake where \$16,000,000 is involved. Personally, I believe it is about time for outside agencies, not subject to the control of the municipality, to cease spending the city money."

### The Mayor's Letter

"Dear Mayor-elect Curley: Please accept my hearty congratulations upon the anniversary of your birth.

"May I also extend to you and Mrs

Curley from Mrs Nichols and myself our very best wishes and our fervent hope that Mrs Curley may soon be restored to health?"

## NICHOLS TO MAYOR-ELECT

### Sends Curley Birthday Congratulations

Mayor Nichols yesterday sent a message of congratulation to his successor, Mayor-elect Curley, on the occasion of his 55th birthday anniversary, and extended on behalf of himself and Mrs. Nichols the hope that Mrs. Curley may soon be restored to health.

Mayor Nichols' message follows:

"Dear Mayor-elect Curley:

"Please accept my hearty congratulations upon the anniversary of your birth.

"May I also extend to you and Mrs. Curley from Mrs. Nichols and myself our very best wishes and our fervent hope that Mrs. Curley may soon be restored to health.

"Cordially and sincerely yours,  
(Signed) "MALCOLM E. NICHOLS."

## CURLEY'S FINAL MARGIN 20,457

### I T Mayor-Elect Gains 826 Net Votes in Recount, Now at End

Mayor-elect James M. Curley's net plurality over Frederick W. Mansfield in the mayoralty contest was 20,457.

The final recount of the 339 precincts of the city today raised Curley's plurality to a net gain of 940 votes over the press returns and 826 over the official returns. The first press returns gave Curley a plurality of 19,517.

Throughout the recount interest was shown by hundreds who entered guesses in the final Curley plurality to win a Ford roadster offered by Congress John W. McCormack of South Boston to the one guessing the nearest, and also to those who placed wagers on the plurality.

The final recount for William A. Riley of Jamaica Plain, elected over Dr. Charles E. Mackey of South Boston to the school committee, Riley's plurality is 1315.

The final vote for Riley is 45,804, and Mackey's, 44,489, a net gain for Riley of 784 votes.

## Wife's Improvement Curley's Best Gift

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"The greatest birthday present that I received was to be privileged to spend the entire day with my wife," Mayor-elect James M. Curley declared when questioned on gifts he received on his 55th birthday. He only left the house for a few minutes of the day, he said, running in town for a short time late in the afternoon, but returning in time to dine with his wife in her room.

Telegrams, flowers and presents were delivered in a steady stream

to the Curley home, overlooking Jamaica Pond, yet the mayor-elect was more elated over the fact that Mrs. Curley appeared to show a decided improvement in health as a result of her visit to the shrine of the Rev. Patrick J. Power in Malden.

"She wants to go again," the mayor-elect said. "I think we'll go out some time soon. Just when I do not know—some time when there isn't so much of a crowd. We want to go out as quietly as possible.

"It is wonderful—the shrine. I have received letters from all parts of the country from afflicted people who read of Mrs. Curley's visit to the shrine and who wished to have some of the dirt from the grave to help them, too.

"Many of them couldn't come here and they didn't know of anyone else here to write to, so they wrote to me. I have taken care of that today.

"My secretary will send them dirt from the shrine and a photograph of Father Power. I had requests from Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, New Jersey, New York—all parts of the country."

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# CURLEY GIVEN ONE GREAT GIFT

## Pleas From Many States

"It is wonderful—the shrine," he declared with feeling. "I have received letters from all parts of the country from afflicted people who read of Mrs. Curley's visit to the shrine and who wished to have some of the dirt from the grave to help them, too. Many of them couldn't come here and they didn't know of anyone else here to write to, so they wrote to me. I have taken care of that today. My secretary will send them dirt from the shrine and a photograph of Father Power. I had requests from Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, New Jersey, New York—all parts of the country."

Despite the fact that it was his birthday, the Mayor-elect brushed all that aside. He seemed loath to talk of his presents. All his thoughts centered around his wife and her improvement. He spoke of her terrific suffering and of her great courage and faith.

"The greatest birthday present that I received was to be privileged to spend the entire day with Mrs. Curley," he declared when the reporter questioned him on his gifts. Mrs. Curley gave him an evening set of scarf, suspenders, etc. He only left the house for a few minutes of the day, he said, running in town for a short time late in the afternoon, but returning in time to dine with his wife in her room.

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## NICHOLS SENDS CURLEY GREETINGS

Congratulates Him on His 55th  
Birthday



A NEW CAMERA STUDY OF THE MAYOR-ELECT

At home with his pipe, a favorite hand-carved meerschaum, James M. Curley is shown as he read telegrams of greeting on his birthday yesterday.

BY RUTH MANSFIELD

Telegrams, flowers and presents were delivered in a steady stream to the Curley home on the Jamaicaway, yet the Mayor-elect declared last night that his greatest birthday present was that Mrs. Curley appeared to show a decided improvement in health as a result of her visit to the shrine of the Rev. Patrick J. Power in Malden.

### NO CELEBRATION

There was no celebration to mark the advent of James M. Curley's 55th birthday as there has been in other years. There was no birthday cake aglow with candles. There wasn't even a birthday dinner for the immediate family. Instead, the mayor-elect dined with Mrs. Curley in her bedroom upstairs, while the children had their dinner down-

stairs with no sign of father's birthday about other than the many large baskets of flowers that friends had sent him in greeting.

Yet there was a distinct and quiet rejoicing, an atmosphere of faith and hope that a Post reporter felt as she entered the front door of the big red brick house overlooking Jamaica Pond, where illness has held Mrs. Curley a virtual prisoner for 16 months. There was an unexplicable happiness about the place that the mayor-elect answered with "I think Mrs. Curley is better since her visit to the shrine."

Because this one visit, made a few nights ago in the pouring rain, has seemed to benefit her in both her own and her husband's eyes, she intends to make another pilgrimage to the shrine, to pray again before the grave of the young priest. "She wants to go again," he told the reporter. "I think we'll go out some time soon. Just when I do not know—some time when there isn't so much of a crowd. We want to go out as quietly as possible."

Mayor Nichols yesterday took the opportunity to congratulate Mayor-elect James M. Curley on his 55th birthday, and to extend on behalf of Mrs. Nichols and himself the hope that Mrs. Curley may soon be restored to health. Mayor Nichols's letter follows:

Honorable James M. Curley,  
350 Jamaicaway,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mayor-elect Curley:  
Please accept my hearty congratulations upon the anniversary of your birth.

May I also extend to you and Mrs. Curley from Mrs. Nichols and myself our very best wishes and our fervent hope that Mrs. Curley may soon be restored to health.

Cordially and sincerely yours,  
(Signed)

MALCOLM E. NICHOLS,

Mayor.

The mayor-elect spent a quiet day at his home, 350 Jamaicaway, with his wife and children yesterday. He received more than 400 telegrams of congratulation, numerous gifts of cigars, flowers and other articles and thousands of good wishes over the telephone and from friends who called at his home personally.

The mayor-elect absented himself from his desk at the Hibernia Savings Bank, preferring to remain at home. This is one of the few occasions that Mr. Curley has failed to put in an appearance at the bank of which he is president. He received personal gifts from Mrs. Curley and his six children.

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## JAMES M. CURLEY 55 YEARS OLD TODAY

Mayor-elect James M. Curley today celebrates his 55th birthday. He was born in Roxbury on Nov. 20, 1874. The occasion will be quietly observed at the Curley residence, 350 Jamaicaway, where Boston's next chief magistrate plans to spend much of the day with Mrs. Curley whose condition remains about the same.

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## Curley's Plurality Passes 20,000 Mark

Mayor-elect Curley's plurality in the recent election was boosted over the 20,000 mark today as the result of a further net gain in twenty-nine precincts in the recent recount being conducted by the board of election commissioners. Curley's plurality over Frederick W. Mansfield now stands at 20,076, or a net gain of 445 in 233 precincts of the total of 339 to be recounted.

In the twenty-nine precincts recounted up to one o'clock this afternoon, Curley made a net gain of 88 votes for the first half of the day's activities.

In the recount for school committee, only minor changes were recorded, with William A. Reilly still maintaining a margin of nearly 700 over Dr. C. E. Mackey.

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## Curley Plurality by Recount Over 20,000

Ex-Mayor Curley's plurality over Frederick W. Mansfield in the recount of the mayoralty election stood at 20,076 yesterday. Curley scored a net gain of 88 votes in the 29 precincts recounted. William A. Reilly, school committee winner, netted a small gain.

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## RECOUNT WILL END TOMORROW

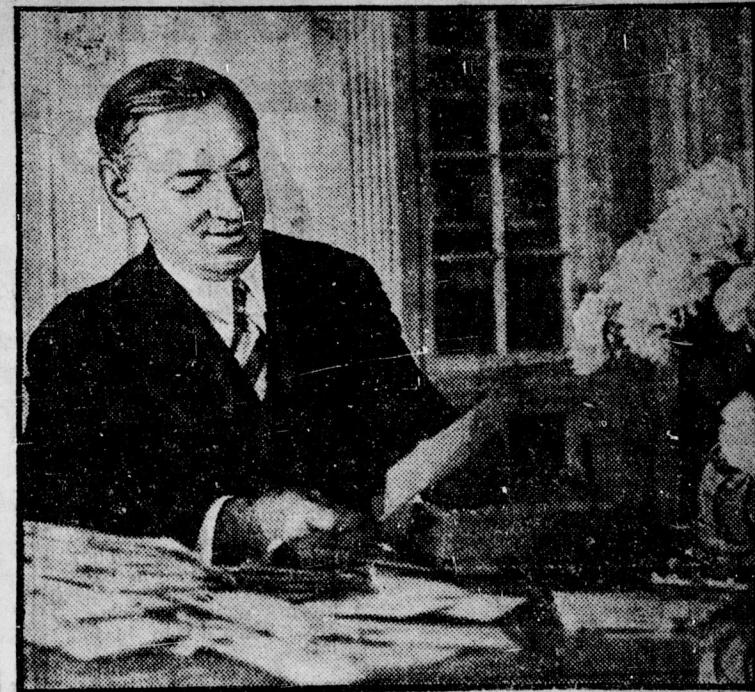
The plurality of Mayor-elect Curley stood at 20,136 votes last night with only 81 more precincts to be recounted before the proceedings are completed tomorrow by the Board of Election Commissioners at City Hall.

In the recount of 54 precincts made yesterday, Curley made a net gain of 102 votes over Frederick W. Mansfield, making his total advance 505 votes during the past six working days, during which the election officials have been going over the ballots for a second time.

William Arthur Reilly of Jamaica Plain, who won a berth on the school board, increased his plurality to 783 votes, making a gain of 65 yesterday over Dr. Charles E. Mackey of South Boston, who requested the recount.

RECORD 11/21/29

## Many Good Wishes on 55th Birthday



(Daily Record Photo)

Mayor-elect James M. Curley shown yesterday as he reads some of the scores of congratulatory telegrams which poured in on him to felicitate him on the 55th anniversary of his birth. With his dream of a Hub world city ready to reach fruition and Mrs. Curley, who is ill, improving, the mayor has reason to be happy.

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## BEST WISHES SENT CURLEY ON BIRTHDAY

Mayor-elect James M. Curley, surrounded by his family, yesterday observed his 55th birthday, the most auspicious of his career.

He was the recipient of hundreds of telegrams and letters from all over the nation, wishing him success when he assumes office.

Among them was one from Mayor Nichols, who soon steps out of office. It read:

"Please accept my heartiest congratulations on the anniversary of your birthday. May I also extend to you and Mrs. Curley from Mrs. Nichols and myself our very best wishes and fervent hope that Mrs. Curley be soon restored to health."

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## CURLEY'S PLURALITY INCREASED TO 20,271

In the Election Department's recount of the Nov 5 vote at City Hall Annex yesterday, a net gain of 136 votes for Mayor-Elect Curley in 52 precincts was scored, boosting his plurality over Frederick W. Mansfield to 20,271. Only 29 of the city's 339 precincts remain now to be recounted, and the entire task will be finished by this noon.

School Committeeman-Elect William A. Reilly noted a gain of 400 more votes yesterday in his own Jamaica Plain ward in adjoining Ward 2 (West Roxbury), leaving his plurality over Dr. C. E. Mackey at 1121.

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## New Gain for Curley in Count

James M. Curley's plurality in the recent mayoralty contest reached 20,271 votes, a net gain of 135 yesterday at the conclusion of the recount of 310 precincts. Only 29 more precincts are to be counted.

The surprise of the recount yesterday was the vote of William A. Reilly, successful candidate for school committee, who gained 403 in Wards 19 and 20. Ward 19, in Jamaica Plain, showed 1121 votes for Reilly, instead of 605 accredited him on the election night count.

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## CURLEY'S PLURALITY NOW TOTALS 20,271

Mayor-elect James M. Curley raised his plurality over Frederick W. Mansfield to a new high of 20,271 votes last night with but 29 out of the 339 precincts in the city to be recounted. This total shows a net gain for the mayor-elect of 640 votes.

In the school committee recount between William A. Reilly, elected to the second place over Dr. Charles E. Mackey of South Boston who finished in third place and asked for the recount, Reilly picked up a net gain of 403 votes, giving him a plurality of 1121 votes. The recount proceedings will end this afternoon.

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# Conference on Tunnel Plans Now Probable

Fin. Com. Expected to Comply with Goodwin Suggestion This Afternoon

By William F. Furbush

The whirlwind of attacks and counter-attacks in the controversy over the plans for the \$16,000,000 East Boston tunnel has brought about a reopening of discussion of the plans by the expressed willingness of Mayor Nichols to hold a conference on the subject in keeping with the end sought by Chairman Frank A. Goodwin of the Finance Commission. The commission meets this afternoon and there is every indication that it will comply with its chairman's suggestion that it request the mayor to hold such a conference for all parties interested.

Pending the results of this conference the so-called Harriman plans, approved by the mayor and criticized in substantially all details by the Finance Commission, are held up. The alternative to the conference, as indicated by Chairman Goodwin yesterday, was a series of public hearings, a power vested in the investigating body, which Chairman Goodwin apparently held in reserve in his stand that the public "should know what it's all about."

By the conference there will be an airing of the entire subject of tunnel plans, those accepted and those rejected, and in this manner rumors, charges of coercion and secrecy and the question of beneficiaries in necessary land-takings will be ironed out.

While the issue became directly one between the Finance Commission and Mayor Nichols yesterday, many other angles developed, including a bitter attack on the mayor, Robert J. Bottomly, Henry I. Harriman and Chairman Thomas F. Sullivan of the Boston Transit commission by Martin M. Lomasney, West End political leader.

Another contribution to the discussion was made today when Mayor Nichols gave out a letter he had received from Colonel Charles R. Gow, former chairman of the Division of Metropolitan Planning, pointing out that studies made in 1925 appear to have convinced the board of the desirability of locating the Boston terminal of the proposed tunnel at or substantially near the location now recommended in the adopted Harriman plan. Colonel Gow also asserts that the attitude of his board has been "common knowledge for at least three years."

## Consult Attorney General

Appearing at the State House before the State Public Works Commission on the question of the department's approval of the plans, Lomasney asked for an investigation of the whole matter to protect the people of Boston against what he called the "greatest steal" in years. The commission decided to ask Attorney General Joseph E. Warner for advice on its powers in finally passing upon the plans.

Land speculation was assigned by Lomasney to activities in relation to the plans and he declared that the carrying out of the plans will cost the city millions to the "same crew that took \$500,000 out of the city in the Exchange street widening."

Discussion of the plans also was entered into by Mayor-elect Curley who said he saw no reason "for the failure to accept the opinion and judgment of the Boston Transit Commission," which originally prepared plans for the tunnel. The mayor-elect also commended Chairman Goodwin "for his stand to prevent the starting of the work until such time as it is definitely determined beyond a reasonable doubt that the location is a proper one."

## Man of Baffled Schemes

"In the absence here today," declared Lomasney, "of Harriman, Bottomly and Transit Commissioners T. F. Sullivan, J. B. Noyes and Nathan Heller, it looks as though Harriman has quit on the Bottomly plan," said Lomasney. "Harriman is a man of baffled schemes, anyway."

"This commission ought to call Harriman, Bottomly and Colonel Sullivan of the Transit Department and ask them about the way in which this deal was fixed up in conferences, not at City Hall, but at the Mayor's Jamaica Plain home.

"This commission should ask these men by what right they have usurped the power of the Boston Transit Commission, and just how they forced Transit Commissioners Sullivan, Noyes and Heller, at the point of a pistol, so to speak, to sign approval to the curved-tunnel plan.

"At the point of a pistol, I say, because it is common talk in the street that Sullivan was threatened with removal unless he reversed his own judgment and signed this plan, and Bottomly has been quoted as saying often that unless all three Transit Commissioners adopted this Harriman plan, Bottomly would get their jobs.

"This deal is just like Exchange street, where they squashed \$500,000 of the people's money. I remembered this when I read yesterday that a Chicago politician named Murray had turned back \$385,000 to the city. If they started putting somebody into jail here, somebody in State street would give back part of the \$500,000 too much paid for Exchange street.

## Display of Brute Strength

"The proposed curved-line tunnel is a job by those at City Hall who, being 'in,' think that might makes right. It is a ruthless display of brute strength, and it is too bad that the Transit Commission didn't have the backbone to stand up and insist upon going through with the straight-line tunnel.

"This straight-line tunnel plan was submitted to the public works department in 1921, by the Transit Commission, of which Nichols himself was then chairman.

"That straight-line tunnel planned in 1921 by Transit Department engineers would put the Boston entrance in the vicinity of Hanover, Cross and North streets, and this tunnel would have measured 5370 feet to East Boston.

"Under the curved-line tunnel plan now offered by Bottomly, the Boston portal would be at Endicott and Salem streets, making a distance to East Boston of 5595 feet. With tunnel excavation operations amounting to \$2000 per foot you can readily see that, to begin with the Bottomly-Harriman scheme will cost the taxpayers \$450,000 more than the straight-line plan.

"Several years ago I made effort to enact a law that would make it possible to remove from office a mayor proved guilty of malfeasance. How far does a mayor have to go before it becomes malfeasance? There have in days gone by, when department heads at City Hall who would say in such a case as this: 'There's my resignation. I won't do this! I'm not going to jail.'

At this point, Lomasney turned to Corporation Counsel Frank S. Deland and challenged him to defend the curved-line tunnel proposal.

Attorney Deland reminded the Public Works commissioners they could not exercise any more power than was delegated to them, and also reminded them that Chapter 297 strictly limited their consideration of the tunnel-line to that portion lying under harbor waters. He submitted that had the Legislature wished the commission to pass upon the mainland features of the undertaking, this would have been set forth in the law.

Lomasney told the commission that, in passing Chapter 297, the Legislature had not repealed Chapter 91, which empowers the commission to act in the broadest way toward proposals of this kind, even including the locations of tunnel portals.

Chairman Lyman said Lomasney's point was well taken, added that he himself would refuse to vote on the Harriman proposal until he has advice from the attorney general and then closed the hearing.

## Harriman Denies Charges

When informed of the Lomasney charges, Mr. Harriman made the following statement:

"That is not so. I have never been in the mayor's house but once in my life, and that was for the purpose of a conference long after the plans were drawn. The Metropolitan Planning Division has in its possession at the present time drawings showing the present plans, made two years ago with a few minor changes, many of them made at the suggestion of the City Planning Board."

## Crazy," Says Mayor

Mayor Nichols, in commenting on the Lomasney charges said:

"Mr. Lomasney's scream of anguish disapproval is excellent proof that there is nothing the matter with the East Boston tunnel plan. What he says is crazy, untrue, unimportant and comical. Verily, there is much in the saying in Rip Van Winkle that 'a sour temper never improves with age and a sharp tongue is the only edged tool that grows keener with constant use.'

The Lomasney remarks brought this reply from Mr. Bottomly:

"The way the old man is trumping up false charges shows that he must have bought property in the wrong place. The real question is, whether the plans, as adopted, are in the public interest."

When Lomasney heard of the Bottomly statement, he said:

"I did not own property on Cambridge street when the deal there went through, and I am interested in only one piece of property in the North End today. That is at 11 Cross street, and I have a mortgage of \$500 on it. That property is right where the Bottomly tunnel plans to go and if I was interested in my property holdings I would not be fighting the Bottomly plan now."

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## Pleased to Confer on Plans, Mayor Says

In reply to a statement yesterday by Chairman Goodwin of the Finance Commission, saying he would ask the commission to request Mayor Nichols to hold a conference on the tunnel plans, the mayor indicated that he was not adverse to holding such a conference. The mayor said:

"I shall be pleased to confer with the Finance Commission on any matter and make available for its use any and all information in my possession. Any suggestions the Finance Commission makes to me will also receive my respectful consideration.

In reply to Chairman Goodwin's statement that the Division of Metropolitan Planning had never approved the plan of Henry I. Harriman, its former chairman, Mr. Harriman said that he had discussed the plan with "every member of the Division of Metropolitan Planning except one member, who could not be reached, and had their approval and their permission to sign the tunnel report as vice chairman of the division." He explained that James B. Noyes, who is a member of the Boston Transit Commission as well as the Metropolitan Planning Division, asked to be excused from voting on the matter. Because the plan has been under consideration for three years, he said, there was no need of holding a formal meeting to vote on it.

Chairman Goodwin immediately answered with the charge that the final plan adopted by the mayor was not the same plan which the Metropolitan Planning Division had considered in 1925 and 1926, and attacked the former chairman for stating that the division had authorized the plan.

Mayor Ralph S. Bauer of Lynn, a member of the Metropolitan Planning Division, denied that he had ever seen or discussed the now accepted tunnel plans of Mr. Harriman and the State board.

Mayor Bauer denied that he intended to resign from the Metropolitan Planning Board because he was not "let in" on the tunnel plans discussion and declared that "Frank Goodwin of the Finance Commission is hoping I will resign and get into the fight because he knows I am a good fighter."

## Says Board's Attitude Was Common Knowledge

Colonel Charles R. Gow, chairman of the Division of Metropolitan Planning, declares in a letter to Mayor Nichols, made public today by the mayor, that studies made in 1925 "appear to have convinced the board of the desirability of locating the Boston terminal of a bridge or tunnel at or substantially near the location now recommended." Colonel Gow also asserts that the attitude of the board has been a matter of "common knowledge for at least three years." The text of the letter follows:

"In view of the public discussion which has developed respecting the precise location of the East Boston Tunnel, I feel that the correct views of the Metropolitan Planning Division should be clearly set forth for your information.

"It is probably true that no individual or body can speak with an air of definite finality respecting the complex questions involved in determining the location and arrangement of such a facility. I

should like to emphasize the fact that this board has no quarrel with any one who may disagree with its conclusions. Our members have the highest respect for the integrity and good intentions of all other public agencies who have given thought and study to this matter and who may have reached conclusions different from our own.

"Our primary concern in the subject arises from the fact that the proposed tunnel will form a very essential link in a metropolitan traffic artery of great importance from the standpoint of our highway studies. We are chiefly concerned that it fit in efficiently with the plans which have been worked out for the relief of highway traffic congestion entering and leaving the city. These plans have been the subject of long and intensive study in consultation with traffic and planning experts, and with due regard to the conditions as we have come to see them.

"The economic aspect of the location problem extends far beyond the immediate cost of construction. While we may not agree that the difference in cost as between suggested locations is as great or important as may have been alleged, the fact is that the project will prove to be a dismal financial failure unless the facility is used to the extent which is required to reimburse the communities whose taxpayers supply the required capital. The use of the tunnel on the other hand is bound to be affected favorably or adversely according as the access to its portals may or may not be made convenient and satisfactory to traffic. This consideration has been the principal influence in determining what appeared to us to be the logical location for the entrances and exits of the tube.

"The Metropolitan Planning Division was created by an act of the Legislature and there have been delegated to it the duties and responsibilities of advising upon matters of this nature and of attempting to co-ordinate the similar and related activities of other public bodies. Having fulfilled our functions in this regard, we feel that our duties to the public have been conscientiously discharged and we will be entirely satisfied to accept your decision respecting the logic of our conclusions.

## Near the Present Location

"Chapter 37 of the Resolves of 1925, approved on May 1st of that year, directed the Division of Metropolitan Planning to study and consider the problems of vehicular transportation facilities between Boston proper and East Boston and its report was submitted under date of Nov. 30, 1925. Certain studies made at that time appear to have convinced the board of the desirability of locating the Boston terminal of a bridge or tunnel at or substantially near the location now recommended, and in subsequent discussions before Legislative Committees in 1927, 1928 and 1929, the board has consistently adhered to the position taken at that time and has presented to the committees plans of the Boston terminal in substantially the location which you have selected. The attitude of the board on this subject has therefore been a matter of common knowledge for at least three years.

"Criticisms have been made respecting grades and alignments in the tunnel made necessary by the precise location recommended by us. I wish to assure you as an engineer who has had much to do with tunnel construction and who is thoroughly conversant with the practice throughout our own and foreign countries, that the criticisms offered appear to me to have little value. The mild curvature introduced in the alignment is

so slight as to be entirely negligible as a practical factor. It permits of a clear vision to the driver of a vehicle for a distance of at least 500 feet ahead, and when it is considered that this is equivalent to the length of West street, Temple Place and Winter street between Washington and Tremont streets, it will be readily seen that it can have no possible effect as a deterrent influence on the volume of traffic. The deviation of an ordinary vehicle from a straight line while passing around this curve would represent only a fraction of an inch in its length and any suggestion that this would be a contributing danger factor would clearly be unfounded.

"As a matter of record, every vehicular tunnel so far constructed has curves of a much shorter radius which have been found in practice to be entirely unobjectionable. The reason for the introduction of this slight curvature in the present instance was to avoid the unnecessary cost and danger of passing under certain important structures. Similarly the approach grades now suggested are comparable to those already in use and adopted elsewhere, being less in some instances and substantially equivalent in others. Since these grades have proved entirely satisfactory in the case of existing tunnels, there would seem to be no reason to assume that they would not prove equally efficient in the case of the proposed East Boston Tube. The traffic circle provided at the Boston exit by our plan is in accordance with a rapidly growing policy on the part of experts throughout the world, who have found this method more satisfactory than any other in caring for cross currents of traffic.

"In the judgment of the members of this board, the proposed tunnel will constitute one of the most important public conveniences yet undertaken in this community and its ultimate success or failure as contributing to that end will depend entirely upon the amount of use to which it is put. We therefore believe that the major consideration involved is one of providing attractive and convenient methods of access to its approaches."

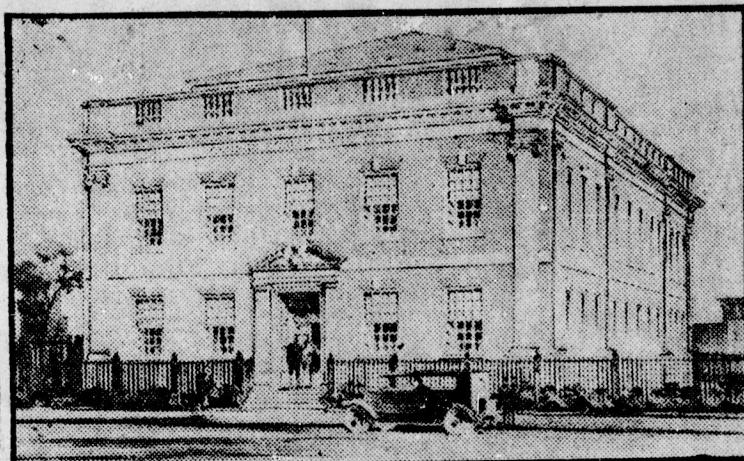
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## AH YES, THE SCENE HATH ANIMATION



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## Useful Units



Charlestown, Number Five, today joins Boston's growing family of George Robert White Health Units. Dedication of the structure shown here emphasizes once more the splendid and practical philanthropy of the late founder of the White Fund. Coolidge, Shepley, Bulfinch & Abbott are the architects of the building.

While the fifth Boston health unit provided by the George Robert White Fund is being dedicated in Charlestown today workmen will be continuing excavation work for Health Unit Number Six which is to be erected at Blossom and Parkinson sts., West End.

Thus the work of building and equipping these structures for the public good continues apace, as rapidly as the trustees of the Fund are able to proceed.

It is gratifying to be able to state that there will eventually be upward of a dozen of the White health units. The original plan was for seven. But demand for them has come from so many districts of the city that the trustees now contemplate building ten or more.

Every new unit is an additional monument to Mr. White and a splendid example of the noble uses to which wealth may be put.

The one to be dedicated today in Charlestown is located at High and Elm sts. and is the largest White unit so far, in order to accommodate the extra large number of agencies and activities in the district. The three-story structure has space for baby, pre-natal and tubercular clinics, dental rooms, complete service for plurometry, radiography and heliotherapy, an auditorium with stage and motion picture equipment, welfare offices and other health facilities.

By the terms of Mr. White's will the mayor of Boston is chairman (ex-officio) of the White Fund trustees. The idea of using some of the fund for health units was favored by James M. Curley when he was mayor seven years ago. The first of the units was opened in his administration. They have been added to during the administration of Mayor Malcolm E. Nichols.

Mr. Curley returns to the mayoralty chair and to the White Fund chairmanship next January. There is assurance that the extension of this system of health units will be continued until all districts needing them are provided.

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## CURLEY IN RECOUNT WINS BY 20,458

Voters' Errors Cost Him  
About 1000 Votes

Reilly's Figures Are Increased  
784, Giving Him 1315 Lead

The retabulation of the municipal election vote, completed by the Election Department at City Hall Annex yesterday afternoon, shows that James M. Curley, twice before Mayor of the city, is victorious by a plurality of 20,458 votes. The recount increased Curley's plurality 827 votes over his plurality given him at the conclusion of the official count of election day night, Nov 5, last.

Frederick W. Mansfield, defeated candidate for Mayor, petitioned for the review of the Mayoral vote, but withdrew after the retallying had progressed a few days. Mayor-elect Curley refused to quit at the same time and the recount continued, and ended so as to enhance the Curley plurality by the addition of more than 800 votes.

### Curley Vote 117,084

The recount showed that Curley polled 117,084 votes, Mansfield 96,626 votes, and Daniel H. Coakley 2300 votes. The city Election Department refigured 218,361 ballots in the record time of seven and a half days.

Frank Seiberlich, chairman of the Election Commission, said last night that the recount showed that Curley lost about 1000 votes because voters had marked below the line when they evidently intended to indicate a preference for Curley. This would not happen, he said, if automatic voting machines were used, and the correct count would be made in the first place on election night.

Curley gained in 17 of the 22 wards. Mansfield made a net gain of 160 votes in five wards—Wards 3, in the West and North Ends; 9, 10 and 11 in Roxbury and 17 in Dorchester. Curley made his largest increase in Ward 1, East Boston, but he also added 166 in his home ward—19—in Jamaica Plain, and 128 in Ward 22, Brighton.

The recount of the School Committee vote, petitioned for by Dr Charles E. Mackey of South Boston, who ran third in the contest and lost to William A. Reilly, for second place, by a vote of 865 votes, was also completed yesterday afternoon. Reilly's vote was increased 784 by the recount, giving him a plurality of 1315.

### School Committee

The official vote for School Committee, announced at the end of the recount, was:

Mrs Elizabeth West Pigeon, 71,073; William A. Reilly, 45,804; Dr Charles E. Mackey, 44,489; James A. Watson, 42,390; Henry J. Sullivan, 36,746; Morgan T. Ryan, 26,918; Henry A. Sasserno, 26,673; Nyman H. Kolodny, 17,871; Dr William B. Burns, 17,119; Thomas A. O'Connell, 15,579; Charles V. Coffey, 10,960, and Joseph A. Langone Jr., 866.

Of the dozen candidates, the first two, Mrs Pigeon and Mr Reilly, were elected.

At the conclusion of the recount the Election Commissioners certified the election of the winning candidates. The certificate of Mayor-elect Curley was set in a frame and last night it was presented to him at his Jamaicaway home by chairman Seiberlich of the Election Board.

### Vote for Mayor

The official vote for Mayor, tabulated by the recount, follows:

Ward	Coakley	Mansfield	Curley's net gain or loss in recount	Curley count
1	177	5,249	6,479	203
2	124	3,819	6,773	28
3	251	2,365	5,926	—30
4	90	4,761	2,888	12
5	62	5,327	2,688	20
6	132	3,107	6,013	—1
7	129	2,986	6,817	48
8	89	2,164	5,560	49
9	94	3,835	4,274	—25
10	82	3,832	6,324	—29
11	105	3,422	5,942	—1
12	106	4,987	4,001	93
13	101	3,698	5,885	28
14	155	5,732	4,947	29
15	113	3,708	6,261	17
16	101	4,782	6,402	18
17	124	6,247	4,794	—73
18	112	6,356	6,198	63
19	99	5,269	5,515	166
20	103	7,608	4,767	26
21	100	5,128	3,334	59
22	351	3,991	5,538	128
Totals	2,800	96,626	117,084	827
				Curley's official plurality, 20,458.

### VOTING MACHINES ARE FAVORED BY CURLEY

Assured that completion of the recount of the Nov 5 vote had netted him a gain of 827 votes and had boosted his plurality over Frederick W. Mansfield to 20,458 votes, Mayor-elect Curley, in a statement last night, renewed his suggestion of the general adoption of voting machines for Boston and retaliated upon original petitioners for the recount on the grounds that "gross irregularities" had been committed for Curley, by asserting that, if there were gross irregularities, the recount positively proved that they were not committed for Curley.

"Provided the city's financial condition warrants it, I am in favor of beginning this year to install in the city's 339 precincts some one type of voting machine," said the Mayor-elect.

The recount over, his certificate of election will now be issued to him, and he can prepare for the inauguration ceremony, probably at Boston Garden, on Monday, Jan 6, when he takes office.

The recount certainly proved the need of voting machines in Boston, such as New York city has universally installed, and such as are in use pretty generally in the Empire State, Mr Curley said.

"Not only did our side gain 827 votes in the recount. But I am officially informed that 1000 votes for Curley were lost, because they were not placed on the line with the candidate's name, but below that line. It makes no difference that Curley happened to be the victim in this case. Every candidate is entitled to be saved from such a severe handicap as this, due to our faulty counting system. The intent of these voters was as clear as could be, and yet they are practically disfranchised through no fault of their own."

"Then, the prolonged agony of going through a recount, for workers no less than candidates, would be obviated by gradual introduction of voting machines. Balloting place workers, some of whom must be on duty under present conditions for nearly 24 hours, would be relieved by machines. The result of an election can be known within an hour of the closing of the polls, when machines are used."

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## CURLEY GAINED 826 IN RECOUNT

Reilly Also Annexed 784  
Votes—Job Finished

The recount of the vote for Mayor and School Committee in the recent municipal election was concluded at the offices of the Boston election commissioners, in City Hall Annex, early this afternoon, with Mayor-elect James M. Curley swelling his victorious plurality to 20,457 over the press returns on election night and an increase of 826 over the official returns of the Election Department the morning following election day, on Nov 5 last.

The recount gives William A. Reilly, of Jamaica Plain, who won second place in the School Committee contest, a plurality of 1315 over the third man in the contest, Dr Charles E. Mackey of South Boston. The review of the School Board ballots gives Reilly 45,804 and Mackey 44,489. The recount gives Reilly a net gain of 784 votes.

The recount has been going on daily at the Election Department for more than a week, and attracted a great deal of attention, particularly the first few days, or until Frederick W. Mansfield, defeated candidate for Mayor, withdrew his petition for the recount. Mayor-elect Curley, who asked for a recount immediately after Mansfield petitioned, refused to withdraw and the retallying continued through the 339 precincts of the 22 wards.

Earlier in the recount the retallying showed Francis E. Kelly of Dorchester, winner in the Ward 15 contest for the City Council, where in the original returns the present Councillor, Thomas W. McMahon, was defeated by 53 votes. The recount gave Kelly 55 votes, a gain of two.

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### Mayor Sends Curley 21 Birthday Message

Among hundreds of telegrams and other messages received by Mayor-elect Curley felicitating him upon his fifty-fifth birthday anniversary yesterday was a note from Mayor Nichols, whom he will succeed in January, congratulating him upon his anniversary and extending on behalf of himself and Mrs. Nichols the hope that Mrs. Curley may soon be restored to health. Mayor Nichols' message follows:

Dear Mayor-elect Curley—Please accept my hearty congratulations upon the anniversary of your birth.

May I also extend to you and Mrs. Curley from Mrs. Nichols and myself our very best wishes and our fervent hope that Mrs. Curley may soon be restored to health?"

The mayor-elect spent the day at his home, 350 Jamaicaway, with Mrs. Curley and children. There were numerous callers during the afternoon and evening and all were solicitous about Mrs. Curley, whose condition was reported just about the same.

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# CERTIFY CURLEY AS MAYOR-ELECT

Action Follows End of Recount—Winner Gained  
Total of 827

## SEES URGENT NEED OF VOTING MACHINES

Completing the recount of the 218,361 ballots cast in the recent city election in the short space of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  days, the board of election commissioners yesterday announced that Mayor-elect James M. Curley had obtained a plurality of 20,458 votes.

According to the recount figures the mayor-elect received 117,084 votes, former State Treasurer Frederick W. Mansfield 96,626 votes and Daniel H. Coakley in third place with an even 2890 votes.

The mayor-elect said the errors revealed by the recount clearly showed the need of voting machines for Boston, as they eliminate both error and fraud. If he can get the authority from the Legislature, he said, he will have machines installed here.

### CURLEY GAINS 827

Curley benefited by the petition of the Mansfield supporters in asking for the mayoral recount by 827 votes over the official tabulations made on election night, which according to Chairman Seiberlich places Boston in the forefront of the cities and towns in the country using the manual system with a change of only about two votes in each of the 339 precincts of the city. He also declared that the last election proves Boston to be the cleanest election city in the country with a record of no arrests at the polls and no complaints or protests filed with the election commission.

Chairman Seiberlich made a plea for the installation of voting machines which would provide the correct count immediately upon closing the polls and prevent the voters from marking their ballots in the wrong place. He declared that Mayor-elect Curley had lost at least 1000 votes because voters placed the cross beneath the line on which his name appeared on the ballot.

### CHANGES BY WARDS

Curley's three big gains were made in ward 1, 19 and 22. In ward 1, East Boston, where Mansfield supporters confidentially expected their candidate to show great strength, Curley gained 203 votes, while in his home ward of 19 in Jamaica Plain he gained 166 votes and in ward 22, Brighton he added 128 votes to his plurality.

Curley gained in the recount in 17 of the 22 wards of the city, while the other five, ward 3 in the West end, wards 9, 10 and 11 in Roxbury and ward 17, Dorchester, gave Mansfield a total net gain of but 160 votes.

### REILLY GAINED 784

Dr. Charles E. Mackey of South Boston, who finished in third place in the school committee race, losing to William A. Reilly of Jamaica Plain by 665 votes, also lost out in the recount, as Reilly's plurality was increased by 784 votes, 43 votes less than the Curley net gain in the mayoralty recount.

The vote for school committee by the recount was announced as follows, Mrs. Elizabeth W. Pigeon, 71,073; William A. Rielly, 45,804; Dr. Charles E. Mackey, 44,489; James A. Watson, 42,390; Henry J. Sullivan, 36,746; Morgan T. Ryan, 26,918; Henry A. Sasserino, 26,673; Norman H. Kolodny, 17,671; Dr. William B. Burns, 17,119; Thomas A. O'Connell, 15,579; Charles V. Coffey, 10,960; Joseph A. Langone, 8606.

At the conclusion of the recount, the board of election commissioners certified the election of the winning candidates, and the certificate of Mayor-elect Curley was sent in a frame and taken to his home at Jamaicaway last night by Chairman Seiberlich.

The candidates-elect will be inducted into office Monday, Jan. 6, 1930. The mayor and school committee winners to serve for four years and the 22 city councilmen for two years.

### CURLEY PLEASED

Says 1200 Votes Intended for Him Could Not Be Counted

With the completion of the recount yesterday showing that Mayor-elect James M. Curley gained 827 votes over Frederick W. Mansfield, the incoming chief executive at his home in Jamaica-way announced that he believes the time has arrived for the installation of voting machines in Boston "in order that there may be an accurate counting of the ballots."

"Naturally," said Mr. Curley, "I am very much gratified that a recount, originally asked for by my opponent, showed a substantial increase for myself. I maintained from the first that of course there could be no change in the result and merely filed my petition for a recount as a protective measure for the citizens of Boston.

However, the recount disclosed one thing and that was that about 1200 persons intended to vote for James M. Curley for mayor, but because they placed their crosses in the space below the last of the three mayoralty candidates on the ballot, which was myself, their votes were not allowed.

In New York they have had voting machines for some time, and they have proved very satisfactory. You go into the polling place, press a button for the man you want to vote for, pull a lever and you have voted. There is no chance of your cross appearing in the wrong space under this system and the votes are automatically tabulated, so that there is no chance for an error. Likewise there is no likelihood of fraud.

# MRS CURLEY PRAYS IN SNOW AT SHRINE

Makes Second Pilgrimage Within Week to Grave

Taunton Woman, Rheumatism Gone, Walks Barefoot in Cemetery

MALDEN, Nov 21—Undaunted by a snowstorm, more than 10,000 persons visited the grave of Rev Patrick J. Power in Holy Cross Cemetery today.

Mrs James M. Curley, wife of Mayor-elect James M. Curley of Boston, paid her second visit in a week to the priest's grave, at 5:30 this afternoon. She came by automobile from her home, accompanied by her nurse, Miss Estella Schierch, and by Edmund L. Dolan, formerly Sinking Fund Commissioner of Boston. They prayed at the grave several minutes.

Mrs Curley afterwards told reporters that she felt considerably better after her previous visit Sunday afternoon and hoped to visit here again. She has been ill for the past two years.

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# PLURALITY FOR CURLEY 20,458

Gains in 17 Out of 22 Wards for Total Increase of 827, and Election Is Certified

BY WILTON VAUGH

In the record time of seven and a half days, the Board of Election Commissioners yesterday completed the recount of 218,361 ballots cast in the recent election, revealing that Mayor-Elect James M. Curley had won a third term at City Hall with a plurality of 20,458 votes.

#### THE TOTAL VOTE

According to the official figures, Curley received 117,084 votes. Frederick W. Mansfield, former State Treasurer, was in second place with 96,626 votes. And Daniel H. Coakley was last with 2800 votes.

Although Mansfield petitioned for the recount upon the insistence of his supporters, Curley benefited by the proceedings, for the Mayor-elect's plurality was advanced 827 votes over the official tabulations made on election night.

This, according to Chairman Frank Seiberlich of the Election Commission, places Boston in the forefront of all the cities and towns in the country using the manual system, for a change of only 827 votes in 339 precincts represents only about two votes to a precinct.

He claimed that the figures revealed Boston to be the cleanest election city on record, pointing to the fact that there were no arrests at the polls and no complaints or protests filed with the commission.

#### Urge Voting Machines

Tabulation of the votes could be improved only by the installation of automatic voting machines, he said. Not only would the machines provide the correct count immediately upon the closing of the polls, but they would prevent the voters from marking their ballots in the wrong place. Curley, he said, lost 1000 votes because the voters placed the cross beneath the line on which his name appeared in the ballot. This could not happen with voting machines, he said.

In the recount Curley ran up his biggest net gain in East Boston, known as Ward 1, where he added 203 votes to his plurality. Curley also gained 166 votes in Ward 19, his home district of Jamaica Plain, and 128 votes in Ward 22, Brighton.

The best counting wards were Ward 6, South Boston, where there was a gain of only one vote for Curley out of about 10,000 cast, counted and recounted, and in Ward 11, Roxbury, where the recount of almost 10,000 votes showed a change of only one vote in

favor of Mansfield.

Curley gained in 17 of the 22 wards of the city, while the other five showed gains for Mansfield in Ward 3, West End; Wards 9, 10 and 11, Roxbury, and Ward 17, Dorchester, these five wards marking up a total net gain of 160 votes for Mansfield.

The commission also completed the recount of the vote for school committee, petitioned by Dr. Charles E. Mackey of South Boston, who finished in third place, losing by 531 votes a term on the board. He, too, lost out in the recount, as the plurality of William A. Reilly was increased by 734 votes, or 43 votes less than the Curley net gain in the mayoralty fight.

The official vote for school committee, announced at the end of the recount, was: Mrs. Elizabeth West Pigeon, 71,073; William A. Reilly, 45,804; Dr. Charles E. Mackey, 44,489; James A. Watson, 42,390; Henry J. Sullivan, 36,746; Morgan T. Ryan, 26,918; Henry A. Sasserino, 26,673; Nyman H. Kolodny, 17,671; Dr. William B. Burns, 17,119; Thomas A. O'Connell, 15,579; Charles V. Coffey, 10,560, and Joseph A. Langan, Jr., 8606. Of the dozen candidates, the first two, Mrs. Pigeon and Mr. Reilly, were elected.

#### Election Certified

After completing the recount, the Board of Election Commissioners certified the election of the winning candidates. The certificate for Mayor-elect Curley was set in a frame and taken to his home at Jamaica Way last night by Chairman Seiberlich.

The candidates-elect will be inducted into office on inauguration day, Monday, Jan. 6, 1930, the Mayor and the school committee winners to serve for four years, and the 22 city councillors to serve for two years.

The official vote for Mayor:

		Mansfield	Curley	Loss
Ward	1	5249	6475	203
	2	124	3819	6773
	3	251	2365	5926
	4	90	4761	2888
	5	62	5327	2688
	6	132	3107	6013
	7	129	2986	6847
	8	89	2164	5500
	9	94	3838	4274
	10	82	3082	6324
	11	103	3422	5942
	12	106	4987	4021
	13	101	3698	5685
	14	155	5732	4947
	15	113	3708	6261
	16	101	4782	6402
	17	124	6247	4794
	18	112	6356	6108
	19	99	5269	5515
	20	103	7608	4767
	21	100	5128	3334
	22	351	3981	5536
Totals		2800	96,626	117,084
				827

\*Indicates loss. Mayor-Elect Curley's official plurality, 20,458.

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## CURLEY FAVORS VOTING MACHINES

Commenting on the recount of the votes cast in the city election, Mayor-elect Curley stated last night that he will install voting machines in this city during the next administration, if he can obtain the authority from the Legislature and the necessary funds in his budget.

He declared that because his name appeared on the bottom of the list, he lost the votes of 1500 persons who marked their crosses for him below the line on which his name was written. "We have a pretty high standard of honesty in our elections here, but when men and women precinct workers are obliged to stand behind the bar from 5 o'clock on election morning until the same hour on the following morning, it is only human for their tired minds to err. Voting machines will end that. They will record the total vote as soon as the polls close."

TRAVELER 1/22/29

## HEALTH UNIT OPEN IN CHARLESTOWN

#### Yale Medical Dean Speaks at Dedication

Ceremonies dedicating the new health unit built from the George Robert White fund at High and Elm streets, Charlestown, were held today. Dr. C. E. A. Winslow, professor of public health at Yale school of medicine, was the principal speaker.

The dedicatory program was arranged by the trustees of the fund. The unit is the fifth built from the income of the fund and presented to the city for the conservation of public health. It is the largest of the units.

George E. Phelan, manager of the fund, presided. The Rev. Henry Lyons, pastor of St. Catherine's Church, Charlestown, said invocation. Keys were presented to the trustees by Charles A. Coolidge.

Mayor Nichols accepted the unit in behalf of the city and paid his respects to the late benefactor. Other speakers were Dr. Francis X. Mahoney, health commissioner; Dr. John F. O'Brien, former president of the Charlestown Medical Society City Councilman Thomas H. Greely; Judge Charles S. Sullivan. The keys were accepted by Herbert Parker, in behalf of the trustees.

Mayor-elect James M. Curley was given a big reception, when introduced by Phelan.

RECORD 1/22/29

# Shrine Aids

## Mrs. Curley

### 2d Visit at Tomb of Priest

Mrs. James M. Curley, wife of the mayor-elect of the city of Boston, paid her second visit to the shrine of Fr. Power at Holy Cross Cemetery yesterday and announced that she had felt "greatly improved in health" since her first visit last Sunday.

Mrs. Curley knelt reverently in the snow about the grave and remained in prayer for several minutes. She arose, and paid a brief visit to the chapel. She was accompanied by her nurse, Miss Stella Schirch, and a neighbor, Edmund Dolan. It was reported the mayor-elect was in the family car outside the cemetery gates.

"I have not felt so well in a long time as I have since my first visit to the shrine," Mrs. Curley told newspapermen who crowded about her as she left the chapel.

"I intend to come again next week. It is a beautiful sight to see these people here."

Mrs. Curley was one of 15,000 pilgrims who visited the shrine yesterday, undeterred by snow and cold. Eight cures, four of them partial, were reported during the day.

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## MRS. CURLEY IS AT SHRINE AGAIN

### Mayor-Elect's Wife Feeling Much Better -- Arrest of Alleged Impostor at Malden Cemetery

Yesterday, in spite of the first snow storm of the season, more than 10,000 pilgrims visited the grave of the young priest. While this number was considerably less than usual, the grave was not deserted at any time during the day.

After darkness set in last night, Mrs. Mary Curley, the wife of Mayor-elect James M. Curley, who has been ill for 16 months, visited the priest's grave for the second time. She made her first visit last Sunday. Accompanied by Edmund L. Dolan, a former commissioner of the sinking fund and her nurse, Miss Stella Schirck, Mrs. Curley knelt at the grave for several minutes and then stepped aside to watch the other pilgrims approach the slab which was illuminated by a border of vigil lights.

#### Feeling Better, in Fine Spirits

She appeared to be in fine spirits and after her visit chatted with newspaper men for five minutes. She said that she was feeling much better and that she has been improving constantly during the past few months. Mrs. Curley explained that Mr. Dolan was one of her neighbors in Jamaica Plain and she commented on the frigid weather in the cemetery after the sun went down. She expressed her sympathy for the policemen and others who were on duty near the grave and commented on her previous visit four days before. She did not go to the All Souls' Chapel as she did on her first visit and entered her automobile which was drawn up 100 yards from the grave and left the cemetery.

HERALD 1/22/29

### MRS. CURLEY AGAIN JOINS DEVOUT HOST

More Than 10,000 Pilgrims  
Brave Storm to Visit  
Grave at Malden

#### By RALPH HARBER

Braving a blinding snowstorm, more than 10,000 pilgrims visited the grave of the Rev. Patrick J. Power in Holy Cross cemetery, Malden, yesterday.

Malden police arrested a Chicago racketeer who was collecting large sums of money from the crowd after he had faked a cure.

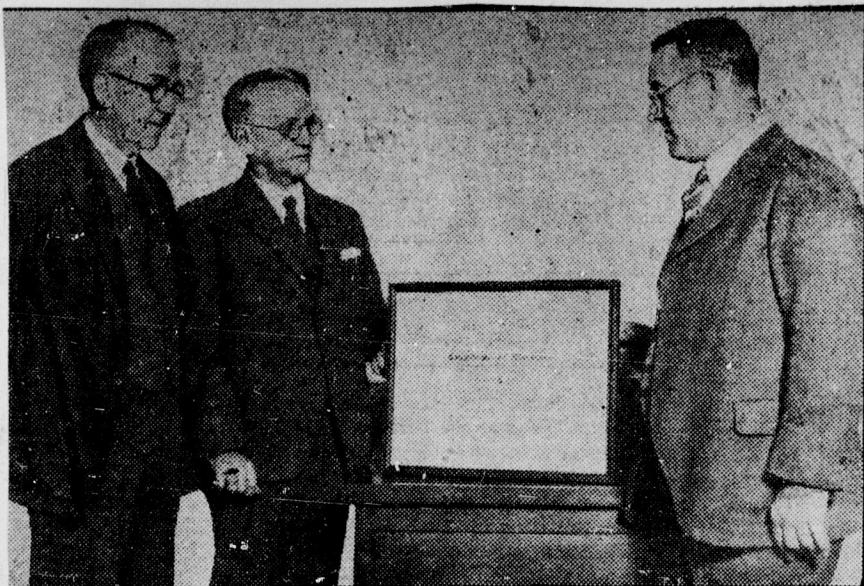
Mrs. James M. Curley, wife of the Boston mayor-elect, made her second visit to the shrine yesterday announcing afterward that she was feeling a little better.

Mrs. Curley was accompanied by her nurse, Miss Stella Schirck, and Edmund L. Dolan. She prayed a few minutes at the shrine. The mayor-elect was not at the grave.

When reporters asked her if she was feeling better as she left she smiled and said, "Don't you boys ever miss a bet?" She chatted charmingly for a few minutes and said she felt a little better.

A snowstorm yesterday of blizzard-like proportions failed to stop more than 10,000 pilgrims from visiting the shrine. Between rows of ivy trees they trudged through the snow and slush, unmindful of weather conditions.

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(Daily Record Photo)

**Wins** Left to right, William E. Mahoney, Frank Seiber-

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Chairman Goodwin will be practically alone in making the fight in the conference against the adopted plan, for all the other attendants at the session, excepting only Chairman Sullivan of the Transit Commission, have come out openly in favor of the so-called Harriman plan.

#### Transit Plan Cheaper

Chairman Goodwin demanded a re-opening of the case, contending that the public should be given an opportunity to see that the straight tunnel, proposed by the Transit Commission, was better and less expensive than the Harriman tube.

The Mayor's announcement of his intention to call the conference came shortly after he had received formal notice that the Finance Commission felt that the meeting was necessary. The communication, signed by Chairman Goodwin, Judge Joseph A. Sheehan and Courtenay Guild, stated:

#### Exchange of Viewpoints

"Our investigation brought forth the fact that the Transit Commission, to which the Legislature delegated the power to lay out and construct said tunnel, under your direction and with your approval, was not in accord with the plan adopted.

"There is such a wide divergence of opinion among the various engineers and officials with reference to the location of the proposed tunnel that we respectfully ask your honor to call a conference as soon as possible of such officials as you may deem proper to the end that there may be an exchange of viewpoints before the city is committed to the immediate expenditure of an amount that may reach \$50,000,000 additional."

#### Dump Harriman Plan

That Monday's conference will not settle the controversy was indicated last night by the directly opposite attitudes of the contesting parties in regard to the relative merits of the Harriman plan and the Transit Commission plan.

Officials at City Hall expressed the belief that the Harriman plan will be delayed for a couple of months when Mayor-elect Curley will step in and dump it overboard in favor of the Transit Commission plan, which he publicly endorses.

lich and Freda Hopkins of election commission looking at certificate of election to be presented to James Michael Curley, Boston's next mayor.

## CONFERENCE ON TUNNEL ON MONDAY

**Mayor Calls Meeting  
at Request of  
Goodwin**

Plans for the location of the \$16,000,000 East Boston traffic tunnel were drawn back to the discussion stage, last night, by Mayor Nichols, who announced that he will call a conference of interested public officials at his office, next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the request of Chairman Frank A. Goodwin of the Finance Commission.

#### SIX INVITED

Invitations to attend the conference were sent by the Mayor to Chairman Goodwin, Postmaster Charles R. Gow, chairman of the Metropolitan planning division; Henry I. Harriman, former chairman of the division, whose plan was adopted by the Mayor; Frederic H. Fay, chairman of the City Planning Board; Colonel F. Sullivan, chairman of the Boston Transit Commission, whose plan was not adopted; Frank S. Deland, corporation counsel for the city, and Robert Whitten, consulting engineer for the City Planning Board.

Postmaster Gow, as chairman of the Metropolitan planning division, openly entered the controversy yesterday when in a letter released to the press by Mayor Nichols he commended the so-called Harriman plan.

#### Bauer Said He'd Resign

Chairman Goodwin reserved comment on Postmaster Gow's open letter to the Mayor, while he opened up on Mayor Ralph S. Bauer of Lynn, member of the division of Metropolitan planning, who declared that Goodwin asked him to resign from the planning board.

Goodwin replied that he had not asked Bauer to resign, but that Bauer told him he was going to resign from the planning board, because it was a one-man board that acted without letting him know what was going on. Bauer, according to Goodwin, said that although he was a member of the board he had never seen the Harriman plan on the East Boston tunnel.

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## To Announce Auto Winner Monday

With the winner of the new Ford auto offered the voter guessing closest to the Curley plurality of 20,458 known to the committee, it now only remains to check up the lucky one as a registered voter. After this has been done announcement will be made Monday.

Eight persons guessed within a few votes of the actual official recount plurality for the car offered by Congressman John W. McCormack of South Boston. The guesses were held under lock and key at the Boston Evening American until last night where they were double checked by a committee of eight.

HERALD 1/23/29

## VOTING BY MACHINE

The recount of the ballots cast in the recent municipal election has brought up once again the question of voting machines. Mayor-elect Curley gained 827 votes, or between a third and a half per cent. of the total of 218,361. That is not a heavy margin of error, but in some elections might result in a reversal of the verdict first announced. Now, Mr. Curley and Chairman Seiberlich of the City Election Commission suggest that we modify our practice and substitute efficient, economical machines which are not liable to the errors of fallible human beings. Mr. Curley says:

In New York they have had voting machines for some time, and they have proved very satisfactory. You go into the polling place, press a button for the man you want to vote for, pull a lever and you have voted. There is no chance of your cross appearing in the wrong space under this system and the votes are automatically tabulated, so that there is no chance for an error. Likewise there is no likelihood of fraud.

Mr. Curley might have extended his citations and strengthened his arguments. Since Thomas Edison invented an unpractical contraption in 1869, more and more communities have adopted a button and lever device. One company says that 15,000 of its machines were in operation on election day last November in 2000 communities, including New York, Albany, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Hartford, New Haven, Des Moines, Davenport, Indianapolis, Seattle, Tacoma, Baltimore, San Francisco and Los Angeles. (Did not the manufacturer overlook a gorgeous argument when he failed to state that anything which San Francisco and Los Angeles can agree on must be good?)

Our own Ballot Law Commission certified a voting machine some years ago. A few places in Massachusetts tried it, but it proved unsatisfactory. The Massachusetts law provides that no particular machine shall be used until the Commission, which has a highly competent chairman in Henry V. Cunningham, certifies it to the Secretary of State. A community may then determine for itself whether it cares to install the machines. Strangely enough, few towns or cities in Massachusetts have chosen to copy the example of New York and other large places. No machine yet brought to the attention of the Ballot Law Commission seems to have come up to its requirements. No doubt the Commission will act when it finds a satisfactory device.

The mechanical phases—speed, accuracy, secrecy, adaptation to Massachusetts conditions, immunity from manipulation by poll officials—are not the only factors to be considered, however, in determining whether we should change our practice. The widespread use of the machines may be regarded as evidence that mechanically they work well. But would mechanical voting allow full freedom in splitting a ticket in Boston or Massachusetts generally? If so, does the extra exertion which is necessary discourage this act of independent judgment, and encourage indorsement of a ticket as a whole? It is argued that if a person can gain time by voting for a group of candidates by pressing a button or pulling a lever, he will do so, even if he has objections to some member or members of the group.

Do voting machines make it more difficult to elect by the sticker process? If they had been in use ten years ago, when James Jackson ran for State Treasurer on stickers, would he have won? Probably not, in the absence of some provision for sticker voting. If it had been necessary to write his name, instead of merely applying a label, would he have fared so well? Probably fewer persons would have gone to the trouble of writing the name out, and many would have done so illegibly, incorrectly and ineffectively. A perfect voting machine would allow that flexibility or freedom of action which is so desirable in town, city and state elections.

Our local election laws and practices seem to be more complicated than those in places which use voting machines. We have relatively fewer polling centres than New York, for example, and a machine which can total all the votes cast in a New York precinct would not suffice for our larger units. Again, our local ballots sometimes contain thirty or forty names, and perhaps no machine has been sufficiently improved to accommodate that many. These are but mechanical disadvantages, however, and the resourceful inventors may be relied on to overcome them. The economies of machine voting are so great and the period necessary for ascertaining the definite results is so much shorter than under the present cross-marking method that we are likely to adopt the voting machines ultimately if the manufacturers will do their part.

AMERICAN 1/22/29

## Curley Vote Estimate Winner to Be Named

Did you estimate that Mayor-elect James M. Curley would win over Frederick W. Mansfield by a plurality of 20,458?

If you did, a shiny new Ford automobile will be given to you by the Curley campaign committee, a donation by Congressman John W. McCormack.

Tonight the Curley ballot committee and a group of prominent Democrats selected by the Boston Evening American will begin their examination of the "votes" cast in the huge estimate.

Announcement of the winner will be made in the Boston Evening American on Monday. The examination of the vote estimates probably will be completed tonight, but a check-up must be made tomorrow to determine if the winner is on

the certified voting list of Boston. Should the examination find that no person exactly forecast the Curley margin of 20,458, the automobile will then be awarded to the person coming nearest to that mark.

The delay in determining the winner was caused by the recount asked by Mansfield. The original Curley figure of 19,517 was considerably increased, and this final recount figure has become the official figure of the election commissioners.

Every person whose estimate was between 19,000 and 21,000 stands a chance of winning this new Ford. One man telephoned this newspaper two weeks ago saying that his figure was 19,500, which was very close to the official figure of 19,517 which then existed, but which subsequently was changed by the recount.

With the Monday issues of the Boston Evening American for the name of the fortunate man or woman who will soon own the new Ford.

**B**OOSTON dedicated its fifth district health unit under the George Robert White Fund, at the corner of High and Elm streets, Charlestown, today, a building which Dr. C. E. A. Winslow, professor of public health in the Yale School of Medicine, the orator of the day suggested was of greater importance than the nearby Bunker Hill Monument.

The building, which is larger than those previously opened in the North End, East Boston, South Boston and Roxbury, and which represents many new ideas in construction and equipment, cost approximately \$350,000. It is ready for its use tomorrow morning, that of the conservation of public health, in which campaign numerous charitable agencies will be identified. The exterior is of water-struck brick and limestone, designed in the Georgian period of Colonial architecture by Coolidge, Shepley, Bulfinch and Abbott, the firm that has designed all of the units under the White foundation.

The dedicatory exercises followed closely those of previous occasions and gave expression to generous praise of all who had a part in conceiving and in upholding the idea of this sort of public service. Boston was lauded as the pioneer in the work, and though other cities have followed the example none has yet approached the Boston example. In fact, Judge Charles S. Sullivan of the Charlestown district court told the audience that Mayor Walker of New York has directed the establishment of twenty units on the Boston plan.

#### Passing of the Key

The exercises were opened by George E. Phelan, manager of the George Robert White Fund, who mentioned that the sixth health unit is now in construction at the corner of Blossom and Parkman streets, West End. He praised the skill of the architects and congratulated the citizens of Charlestown on the fruition of their hopes. Charles A. Coolidge, senior member of the architectural firm, turned over the key to Herbert Parker, president of the Boston Bar Association and chairman of the White trustees, who, in a characteristically brilliant speech, made it plain that "no greater gift could any man give to her fellows than a temple of health." He spoke of the building as "the very last utterance of vigilant science," a building not only to be devoted to the needs of the afflicted but to the safeguarding of youth. He spoke of George Robert White as a "genuinely great-hearted citizen of Boston who loved his fellow men to the extent that he left practically his entire fortune of \$6,000,000 in their interests. Mr. Parker also referred to the fact that he was born in the vicinity and had gone to Charlestown today to renew his youth. In turn he handed the key to Mayor Nichols, in behalf of the trustees.

After paying high tribute to Mr. Phelan, as manager of the fund, Mr. Nichols declared that the health units were the most useful agencies that could

have been conceived from the income of the fund. Though the idea had originated in the administration of James M. Curley, it had been his pleasure to assist in the dedication of four units. Mrs. Harriet Bradbury, sister of Mr. White, who sat near the stage, had every reason to feel proud of her brother's generosity to his city and of the great work that he had made possible.

Health Commissioner Francis X. Mahoney spoke of the great assistance in health work that will come from the active interest of the Boy and Girl Scouts of Boston who have already entered the work in the West End and in South Boston, and Dr. John F. O'Brien, former president of the Charlestown Medical Society, expressed his gratitude to Mr. White who, he said, "had written his name in letters of gold on the pages of humanity." Thomas H. Green, member of the City Council from Charlestown, and Judge Charles S. Sullivan spoke briefly, the latter deprecating the reports that had gone out that Charlestown was a wicked place and stating that the district stands higher in morals than any other district of Boston and that, of the larger cities of the country, Boston is the best governed.

#### Mayor-Elect Curley There

Early in the exercises Mayor-Elect James M. Curley had entered the hall unexpectedly and was invited by Mr. Nichols to occupy a seat on the platform and speak. Mr. Curley said that none in Charlestown would find greater happiness in the dedication of the building than Rt. Rev. John W. McMahon, the venerable pastor of St. Mary's Church and spiritual leader of the district, and Mrs. Bradbury, who had kept in touch with every expenditure from the fund and who had been present at every dedication. Moreover, nobody ever had greater faith in his fellow men, with the possible of the Declaration of Independence, than George Robert White. The mayor-elect also paid tribute to Dr. Charles S. Wilinsky, who really conceived the idea of the health units and by his admirable presentation of the subject forced the movement on the White trustees.

Dr. Winslow was particularly happy in his dedicatory address. He gave a scholarly tracing of the symbols of community desire—the church being the first expression of better things, the schools the second and such buildings as hospitals and health units the third. He reviewed the progress of medical work, saying that it was as late as 1882 that there leaped into the consciousness of the medical profession the thought that disease could be controlled. He emphasized the fact that the object of health campaigns today is not only freedom from disease but the prevention of it. He spoke of Massachusetts as being at the top of the list in tuberculosis, cancer and mental hygiene work.

The invocation was given by Rev. Henry Lyons pastor of St. Catherine's Church, Charlestown, and the benediction by Rev. Wolcott Cutler, pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church.

# BOSTON'S FIFTH HEALTH UNIT DEDICATED

Dr. Winslow of Yale and Mayor-Elect Curley Among the Speakers in Charlestown

A better understanding of the patient as a human being, with a past and a future, rather than as a complex body of symptoms was asked by Dr. C. E. A. Winslow of Yale University at the dedication of the fifth Boston municipal health unit at Elm and High sts., Charlestown, today made possible by the George Robert White fund.

"Health units and hospitals are the third essential group of symbols of community life erected by man," Dr. Winslow said. "The church, a unique symbol of community aspiration, was the first. Then came the schools, symbolizing intellectual spirit. Finally, after a lapse of several centuries, men began to realize the necessity of good health. As a result we see cities erecting great hospitals and public minded citizens establishing such centers as the one we are dedicating today."

#### HERBERT PARKER SPEAKS

After the invocation by Rev. Henry Lyons, pastor of St. Catherine's Church, Charlestown, Charles A. Coolidge, senior partner of Coolidge, Shepley, Bulfinch & Abbott, architects of the building, presented the keys to Herbert Parker, president of the Boston Bar Association and member of the board of trustees.

Mr. Parker described the new health unit as "a watchtower of vigilant science, not to care for those on the shady side of life, but for the youth of the community."

"This building," Mr. Parker said, "is possible through the generosity of a greathearted citizen of Boston, who loved his fellow men. No greater tribute could he receive than to say he lives among his fellows in cherished memory."

The building was accepted for the city by Mayor Malcolm E. Nichols.

#### CURLEY PRAISES WILINSKI

At the request of the mayor, George E. Phelan, manager of the White fund, introduced Mayor-elect James M. Curley, who paid tribute to Dr. Charles Wilinsky of Beth Israel hospital, who was instigator of the health unit idea in Boston.

Before the address of Dr. Winslow, brief speeches were made by Dr. Francis X. Mahoney, health commissioner of Boston; Dr. John F. O'Brien, past president of Charlestown Medical Society; Councilman Thomas H. Green of Charlestown, and Judge Charles S. Sullivan of Charlestown court.

Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Wolcott Cutler, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Charlestown.

# Distinguished Boston Citizens Attend Dedication of the Fifth Health Unit

Mayor Nichols yesterday accepted from the city the fifth health unit established at High and Elm streets, Charlestown, under the income of the fund left by the late George Robert White.

Distinguished citizens attended the inspection and dedication ceremonies. The building will be open for public use by the people of Charlestown Dec. 1.

George E. Phelan, manager of the George Robert White fund, delivered the address of welcome at the formal exercises and stated that four units are now in operation. The Charlestown unit is the fifth completed, he said, and a sixth unit is under construction in the West End section of the city.

The Rev. Henry Lyons of St. Catherine's Church bestowed a blessing on

the unit, the work to be done and those interested in its work.

Other speakers included Charles A. Coolidge of the firm of architects for the unit, who presented the keys of the unit to Mayor Nichols. The mayor delivered a speech of acceptance which was followed by an address by Dr. Francis X. Mahoney, health commissioner of Boston.

Addresses also were delivered by Dr. John F. O'Brien, past president of the Charlestown Medical Society; Mayor-Elect James M. Curley, City Councilman Thomas H. Green, Judge Charles S. Sullivan of the Charlestown municipal court, and C. E. A. Winslow, professor of public health, Yale school of medicine, who delivered the dedicatory address. The exercises closed with benediction by the Rev. Wolcott Cutler of St. John's Episcopal Church, Charlestown.

## Letters to the Editor

### FOR INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ACTION

To the Editor of the Transcript:

Your editorial "Why Another Bloc?" in Nov. 12 paper has just come to my notice and I take the opportunity to reply.

There is no critical constructive opposition and conflict of ideas between the Republican and Democratic parties, because both are the political expressions of the great business groups of this country who pay the bills for the elections and control the inner machinery of both parties. In the last Presidential campaign you had one executive of General Motors working through the Democratic party and the corporation making its contribution to that party through Mr. Raskob, while another executive of the same company worked through the Republican party and General Motors made its contribution to that party through him. Similar practices are carried on by most of the great business institutions. It makes no difference whether the elephant wins the race or the donkey, the same power sits in the saddle.

We need one conservative party but not two. Progressives wanting vital social legislation that would provide social insurance against unemployment, old age, illness and accident; that would protect the workers against the use of mill and coal police and unjust use of injunctions; that would protect the farmer; that would relieve the people from the exploitation of present uncontrolled public utilities; that would go to the heart of the problem of peace by facing squarely the reduction of war debts and the lowering of the tariff wall as a wise, economic and international policy, are getting nowhere flirting with the old

parties. Liberals in this country have stood still in twenty years backing Bryan in 1908, then Roosevelt in 1912, Wilson in 1916, La Follette in 1924 and Smith in 1928. Under the present Republican-Democratic alliance the votes of progressives do not count. If Governor Smith had been elected President he could not have told in Massachusetts, for example, whether his majority was due to Curley and his cohorts, or to liberals who saw in him the hope of more far-seeing social legislation. If we progressives had been putting all our energy in these last twenty years in building up a party of our own, as they have been doing in Great Britain, we would be somewhere today. It is futile to hope that either of the old parties will become progressive. Their masters won't let them.

The League for Independent Political Action headed by Dr. John Dewey of Columbia University, with offices at 52 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York City, does not intend itself to be the new party but to act as a co-operating agency to help bring together the Farmer-Labor party of Minnesota, socialists, progressive groups now working in the old parties but thoroughly dissatisfied, farmers' co-operatives, trade-union groups, public-ownership leagues, fair tariff policy associations, etc. We believe that nothing could be so worth-while politically for this country as such a party through which progressives could express themselves. One-third of the earth's surface today is being governed by labor and progressive parties. It is a world-wide movement and is bound to be realized in America within the next decade or two.

HOWARD Y. WILLIAMS,  
Executive secretary

Concord, N. H., Nov. 18.

# BABE RUTH TO CHEER FOR MARQUETTE

THE most colorful baseball player ever—Babe Ruth—will hold one of the stakes, assisting the head linesman, tomorrow, when Pere Marquette of South Boston and the Fittons of East Boston clash for the semi-pro football title of the state.

Babe is a member of Pere Marquette Council K. of C., but as yet has never seen the Peres play. He will be rooting for a Pere Marquette victory, although plenty of fans think he will be sadly disappointed.

Another celebrity will kick off the first ball, when Mayor-elect James M. Curley shows the fans how it was done a few years ago.

The game itself should be a bitterly fought affair. The teams have strong, almost impregnable lines and the backfields are better than many representing crack college teams.

Pere Marquette will have the flashy Al Weston of Boston College fame. He will be ably assisted by Billy O'Leary, as fine a football player as there is around, despite the fact that he never attended college. Then also there will be Jim Wallis of Holy Cross at fullback, opposing lines this year.

To match these three aces, the Fittons will present a trio just as capable in every way. They are Maddy Sayles, former Harvard fullback, Carl Ettelman of Tufts and Fay, rip-roaring line plunger.

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Several poker experts suggested a margin of victory by a straight flush of 12345.

"A walk-in," predicted Mrs. Catherine Lawrence of 18 Grimes st.

Helen M. Dowd, Jr., wrote: "I hope by 500,000 votes." She lives in Brighton.

Mrs. Katherine Lyons of 15 Atkins st., Brighton, made 30 estimates, some of which were very close.

Some 600 people estimated that Curley would lead Mansfield by 20,000 votes, while 38 said that it would reach 21,000. About 20 placed the figures at 20,500, which was near the official margin of 20,458.

Watch Monday's issue of the Boston Evening American for the name of the winner of this new automobile.

*Post 1/24/29*

## LISTS WORK IN DORCHESTER

### Trade Board to Seek Curley Approval

A list of civic improvements for Dorchester, now being drawn up by the Dorchester Board of Trade, will be presented by that body to Mayor-elect Curley just before the latter takes office, it was announced by Charles M. Bishop, president of the board.

As the start of an aggressive and active campaign to secure for Dorchester many improvements in the way of better streets, public hospitals, health units, auditoriums, the housing of more industries and similar needs, a survey of present conditions has been started by the local Board of Trade.

Various sub-committees have been named to investigate particular conditions and make their recommendations for changes desired. The combined lists of these committees will be handed to the next Mayor and he will be asked to secure the improvements suggested for Dorchester.

Mr. Curley will be given the proposals before he takes office so that he will have ample time to give the various matters mentioned his consideration, and will be able so to arrange the city budget that he will be able to carry out desired improvements.

*TRAVELER 1/23/29*

### Voting Machines

**MAYOR-ELECT CURLEY** suggests that Boston use voting machines.

The voting machine count is accurate. It does away with the necessity for recounts. It saves the time of precinct workers who are on duty for almost twenty-four hours under the present system. The machine is automatic. It makes repeating practically impossible, reduces election costs except for initial investment and saves time. The total vote is available a few moments after the polls close.

On the other hand, Mayor Walker of New York said that he lost 100,000 votes in the recent election because of the use of machines. Some of them were not at the polls in time for voters who could not wait; some election officials and many voters did not understand their operation.

New Jersey tried and discarded machines for voting. Their transportation and storage are serious problems. On them it is easy to vote a straight ticket and difficult to vote a split one. In Boston city elections we do not have straight tickets; in state elections we do.

Under our present system Mayor-elect Curley was deprived of about 1500 votes because the voters put a cross under his name instead of beside it. This would have been impossible with machines.

The suggestion has much value but the decision should not be made without much discussion and investigation.

*AMERICAN 1/23/29*

### TO GIVE FORD CAR FOR CURLEY VOTE GUESS

The winner of the new Ford sport coupe, offered as a prize by Congressman McCormack for the closest estimate to the actual number of votes polled by James M. Curley in the recent mayoralty election, will be announced tomorrow. Because of the recount the winner of the contest was in doubt until the election commission duly certified the totals. The winning estimate which, it is said, won the prize, came within two votes of the Curley plurality.

*Post 1/25/29*

## WILL IMPROVE 1200 STREETS

### Curley Intends to Spend \$15,000,000 on Airport

Mayor-elect Curley said that he was planning a definite policy of public construction, which he should complete in the few intervening weeks before he again assumes the office. He said that he intended to spend about \$15,000,000 on the Boston airport, improvement of about 1200 streets in Boston. He said that he first would have to find out the condition of the city treasury.

AMERICAN 1/23/29

## 23 Auto Awaits Best Vote Estimator



H. Lazarus F. A. McLaughlin Edmund L. Dolan Frank B. Howland H. F. Brennan J. H. Brennan  
This huge ballot box was filled to capacity by thousands of estimates as to the Curley-for-Mayor majority. The committee, which is seen opening the box, has yet to check the winner's name to make sure that he is a registered voter, but lets it be known that the nearest guesser was a man. The winner will be announced Monday in the Boston Evening American, which supervised the tabulation and determination of the leader. The committee, pictured at the box, are, left to right, Henry Lazarus, Francis A. McLaughlin, Edmund L. Dolan, Frank B. Howland, Henry F. Brennan, James H. Brennan.

If wishes were horses, Mayor-elect Curley would ride into office by a margin of victory as high as 10,000,000.

Of the 30,000 estimates made by Boston voters to win the new Ford car offered by Congressman McCormack, many people gave strange figures. The highest was the 10,000,000, while the lowest was one vote.

The name of the winner will be announced in Monday's issues of the Boston Evening American. The winner is known, but his right to the car must be certified at the election commission office, as no

one except a registered voter is entitled to the machine.

The votes were checked and re-

checked last night. The commit-

tee consisted of: Edmund L. Dolan,

banker; Francis A. McLaughlin,

jeweler; Henry F. Brennan, treas-

urer of Hibernian Savings Bank;

Frank B. Howland, motion picture

producer; James H. Brennan and

Henry D. Lazarus, attorneys.

Some of the estimates and ac-

companying comments were vivid-

ly partisan. Dominico Cururillo

of 80 Burrell st., Ward 8, said

Curley would win by one vote, but

the half a dozen others put the figure

at one million.

A family of five, Margaret, Frances, Peter, Lawrence and Mary Sheridan, wrote on their ballots that Curley would win "by double the amount when you were last mayor."

"We love him for the enemies he has made," pencilled James M. O'Brien, as he wrote 39,642.

"Five votes to their one," suggested Miss Mary Kenney, 22 Fisher st., Roxbury.

"All the votes," said Mary A. Boyle, 1 Winchell ave., Roxbury.

"So many that you can't count them," was the idea of James F. Cody, 1376 Commonwealth ave., Ward 16.

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In this famous school a Boston Curley became president of the debating society and for three years captained the debating team, won four prizes in reading and declamation, won the headmaster's debating medal and the Sons of the Revolution gold medal for excellence in history examination, was business manager both of the school paper, Register, and the dramatics club. He won his letter in football, but his gridiron career ended with a broken collarbone.

Entering Boston College, where he was graduated a year ago, young Curley was elected president of his class, was executive chairman of the Brosnahan debating society and won its debating medal; was on the Student Council executive committee; helped edit Heights, the college newspaper, was for four years leader of a team which scored 11 wins and no defeats in intercollege debate, was each year in oratorical contests and through four years maintained a scholastic average of B. Besides he was Fulton Debating Society president, and class-day speaker.

It was in that period that young Curley and School Committeeman-elect William Arthur Reilly organized the Boston College Club of West Roxbury, now of 800 members, and Reilly and he have lately interchanged the posts of executive chairman and president.

#### Wins Devens Laurels

He has won distinction in the C. M. T. Camp at Devens. In these and a dozen other different positions, young Curley has, even in his school days, demonstrated that he possesses the invaluable knack of organizing and leading human activities, a trait which every ambitious lad highly prizes.

Besides these multiple activities this grandson of Erin's Galway County has, because of his familiarity with history, been chosen by civic groups to impersonate William Dawes in the restaging of the historic ride from Norfolk House of that patriot forbear of Ambassador Charles Gates Dawes; also Gen Joseph Warren in Old South Meetinghouse exercises. He once personated the Biblical Herod in a Community Service play.

It was in 1924 that James Curley had his first European trip, and in Rome he was given the honor, with Dr Martin J. English, his companion, of a few minutes' audience with Pope Pius XI.

James plays pretty good tennis during the Summer at Cohasset. But his dynamic father can still give him the run-around at golf. They often play together in foursomes at South Shore Country, Wollaston and Scarboro (Franklin Park) gold clubs, of which both are members.

James likes horseback riding, and his boon companion, "Eddie" Donnelly, is often seen riding with him on the Jamaica-Arborway bridal path, since his sister, Miss Mary Curley, has for two years been attending the College of the Sacred Heart at Manhattanville, N.Y. There, by the way, Miss Curley organized and leads the Debating Society, and she has also distinguished herself in dramatics.

James' other companions are Henry Smith, Neal and John O'Callaghan of Cambridge, Daniel Lehan of Brighton, attorney Burke Sullivan of Jamaica Plain, R. Stanton White, Frank Long of West Roxbury, William "Dyke" Doyle.

At law school young Curley admires the liberalistic Prof Chaffee. He gets on well with his fellow-students among whom is "Pat" McCarthy, son of the Ex-Mayor of San Francisco.

It was Alexander the Great, son of King Philip of Macedon, who sighed for new worlds to conquer. James Michael Curley Jr., son of a famed sire, is as deeply resolved to go far in the law "on his own."

the hands of Col. House while in the United States, and that Col. House had requested him, Mr. Higginson, to act as head of the committee of arrangements for the Boston visit.

#### VISITED CITY HALL

In the plans for the visit, however, M. Clemenceau was scheduled to visit City Hall and he did so, arriving there before reaching the State House, in the marvellous triumphal procession by which he was ushered through downtown Boston, from the South Station, to the home of his host, Mr. Higginson.

The municipal reception was attended by many military, naval and civic notables and the corridors and stairways were lined with an expectant throng, and to gratify them, M. Clemenceau walked up the stairs to the aldermanic chamber, instead of taking the elevator.

He descended in the elevator, however, which caused one to remark "The Tiger is caged once more."

One of the features of this reception was the presentation to the distinguished guest of a handsome silk flag of the French Republic, and another was the presentation to him of a 22-carat gold safety razor.

"The Tiger" pleaded for sympathy for France, his gentle tones and his grandfatherly air contrasting with his popular nickname. He declared that there can be no entente in Europe unless the United States is in it, and declared "My policy, in peace, as it was in war, is to keep England and France and America together."

#### GREETED BY FULLER

The Commonwealth greeted the war premier at the South Station by the then lieutenant governor, Alvan T. Fuller. A host of notables, and military and naval display, were at the station to receive him. An automobile was driven into the concourse of the train shed, that he might not have to walk to the street to enter it. Every police precaution was taken to guard him, particularly against the intrusion of the over enthusiastic. The procession, escorted by infantry and cavalry, went up Federal and Congress, State, Washington, School and Beacon streets, was one uninterrupted ovation.

At the State House an official greeting was given him in the Hall of Flags, Channing H. Cox, the Governor, making an eloquent address.

#### CONFLICT CAUSED

The coming of the great Frenchman was not unmarked by one of those historic contretemps, in which the question of the relative parts that the various state and city governments and various persons and groups are to have in the welcoming of a distinguished visitor, stalks like a ghost to disturb the counsels of the official greeters.

At one stage of the arrangements Mayor Curley notified the French consul, J. C. J. Flamand, that the city of Boston would not participate officially in the reception to M. Clemenceau. Also in a letter to Francis L. Higginson, Jr., he declared that it had been his intention, as mayor of Boston, that all expenses of receiving the distinguished visitors would be met out of municipal funds, and to appoint a committee of representative men and women to receive this distinguished son of the French republic. He termed the committee headed by Mr. Higginson as "a mystery," and announced that the city would withdraw from all participation in the fete.

Mr. Higginson, in a formal statement, set forth that M. Clemenceau, in discussing his American visit with Col. E. M. House, in France, the previous summer, had placed himself wholly in

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## 'TIGER' WARMLY GREETED HERE

Nov. 23-24, 1922, Marked By Enthusiasm for French War Premier

## BEGGED U. S. TO AID STRICKEN EUROPE

Nov. 23 and 24, 1922, were the dates that Georges Clemenceau made memorable by his visit to Boston while on his American tour and when he brought the post-war message of France to America. It was a visit during which the former premier had expressly stipulated he should not be invited to entertainments of any nature, pleading his years—81—and the infirmities of them.

It proved to be one of the greatest and most enthusiastic public celebrations that Boston ever has seen, including a street demonstration that caused the veteran statesman to ejaculate more than once, "Wonderful, wonderful—Magnificent!"

The climax was a rousing meeting in Tremont Temple, the afternoon of the second day, when "The Tiger of France" begged America to unite with its late war allies in the Lausanne conference.

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In Copley square a remarkable demonstration was given him. Thousands of school children, massed on the steps of the public library, burst into song. The song was "La Marseillaise." It was quickly followed by Julia Ward Howe's "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

In Tremont Temple the second day before one of the most notable gatherings that that auditorium has sheltered he reviewed post-war conditions, the menace of the recent concord between Germany and Russia, cited the possibility of a new great war, and again without chiding, lifted his voice to deplore the fact that "America went away."

His entire address vibrated against a charge that had been levelled a short time before in the United States Senate, that France was militaristic.

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# YOUNG CURLEY APPEARS 'CHIP OF THE OLD BLOCK'

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James M. Jr Is Widely Traveled Youth, Clever  
Debater, Ardent Sportsman and All-Around  
Good Fellow, So There You Are



JAMES M. CURLEY JR

Is it easier to convince a majority of the electorate of the worthiness of your cause than to persuade a jury of 12 good men and true that the verdict ought to go to your client?

Mayor-Elect James Michael Curley and his son, James, may have a difference of opinion about the answer. But young James will be in the way of giving first-hand answer himself when, after securing his degree at Harvard Law School in 1931, he hangs out his shingle and begins professional practice.

James' record in and out of Boston Latin School and Boston College indicates pretty conclusively that Mr Curley's son has in a large measure his father's forensic power, his capacity for taking initiative in organization and in leadership. In the two educational institutions named, young Curley has been elected to 31 executive offices in various student groups, and has won many medals.

Destined by family connection to have an earlier, deeper contact with practical affairs than do most youths, young James has made the most of this opportunity. The law is his own choice of career, and he made it after considering politics and engineering.

His intimates are confident he will make his mark in the profession. They admire the flexibility of his mind, his eagerness for study, the energy with which he can plug toward any objective end.

Young Curley's outlook on life has been broadened not only by social stimulus and by wide reading, but into his 22 years he has already crammed a two-month tour of historical places in Switzerland, Italy, France, and besides, he has sailed to the Tropics.

Moreover, James has already begun his training as a family man, for in his father's absence and during his mother's illness, he is, as they say in income tax offices, "the head of the family" to his younger brothers, Paul, 17, and Leo, 15, both now Boston Latin School pupils whom he calls "the iron men"; to unusually bright-minded, 9-year-old George, to Francis, 5, both the latter attending St Andrew's School.

James "fathers" 'em all in a good-humored way and they do not regard him as a tyrant.

#### Born in 1907

James was born July 28, 1907, when Mt Pleasant av, where the Curleys then lived, was in famed old Ward 17. After attending a district grammar school, he took a four-year course at Notre Dame Academy, Roxbury.

Then entering Latin School, he began to demonstrate that he is "a chip of the old block" by winning prizes for excellence in study, in declamation, in debate, continuing so until his graduation in 1924.

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RECORD 11/25/29

# Brighton Man Gets Curley Vote Auto

By a slim margin, David L Dorfman, 32-year-old Brighton jewelry salesman is the winner of the coveted Ford automobile in the Curley vote contest.

Dorfman estimated that the mayor-elect would receive 20,456 more votes than Mansfield—and Curley won by just two more than that figure.

The winning vote estimate is announced today by the Boston Evening American, which had been requested by the Curley headquarters to take charge of the examination of the 35,000 estimates.

The winner lives at 33 Egremont rd., Brighton, and works at the American Supply Company on Washington st., Boston. He is a registered voter—in fact, his first vote for any Boston mayor was cast this fall for Curley.

Mayor-Elect James M. Curley personally congratulated Dorfman and also expressed appreciation of Congressman McCormack, donor of the car, who was absent in Washington at the time.

Others who made fairly close estimates were:

William E Hayes, 552 Fifth st., South Boston, 20,452.

Earl Parent, 201 Harvard ave., Brighton, 20,450.

John MacLeod, 17 Erie st., Dorchester, 20,469.

Esther McGinley, 51 Magazine st., Roxbury, 20,446.

Mrs. Agnes Green, 20 Burton st., Brighton, 20,470.

John Kerson, 40 Anderson st., West End, 20,483.

Michael J. Tansey, 15 Chambers st., West End, 20,428.

In addition, there were 600 people who were within 50 votes of the figure.

The winner is the father of a seven-year-old boy, Sumner, and a five-year-old girl, Marion. He is a native of Portland, Me., and has lived in Worcester.

This young man was entirely unknown at the Curley headquarters, and had no interest in politics "except to vote for the best man."

"I'm a 100 per cent Curley man," he emphasized.

Dorfman had forgotten about making the vote estimate early in the contest, but when asked if he had signed a pledge card for Curley and written some figures on the back, he remembered.

"I'd forgotten all about this," he admitted, "for I gave the card to a friend to take in and then dismissed the whole matter from my mind, as I felt sure I couldn't win. I made an estimate more in fun than anything else."

Asked how he made such a close estimate, the young man said he had followed the newspaper accounts of the campaign. He had "taken no stock" in the huge majorities predicted for Curley and gave Mansfield credit for considerable undercover strength.

"At that," he continued, "I suppose I ought to thank Mansfield as well as Curley, for this car."

This was a humorous reference to the fact that the recount sought by Mansfield increased Curley's lead from 20,517 to the other figure.

Only through the recount did the Brighton man win. Had there been no recount, the car would have gone to some person with a vote near the 20,517 mark. As a matter of fact, there were some half a dozen cards with this figure—and what a problem the committee narrowly missed!

TRAVELER 11/25/29

# ALLEN, CURLEY BACK HOOVER

## New State Offices and \$15,000,000 Airport Expansion Are Projected

Immediate construction of a new office building by the state and the expending of \$15,000,000 by the city for expansion of the local airport are the definite pledges of Gov. Allen and Mayor-elect Curley in support of the Hoover program for business stabilization.

### ALLEN'S STATEMENT

Governor Allen's statement in full follows:

I am heartily in accord with President Hoover's business stabilization program.

This year the program for public works in Massachusetts was the most extensive one in our history. Orders have been issued to speed up all uncompleted work. I have just authorized the construction of a new office building to be undertaken immediately.

The state budget for 1930 will undoubtedly provide for the most ambitious program for construction and reconstruction of highways and public works ever undertaken.

I expect all our cities, towns and counties will give us full co-operation. Massachusetts will extend to the President every possible aid.

### CURLEY'S PLANS

Mayor-elect Curley said he did not know the present condition of the city treasury, but would find out as soon as he takes office, so as to see how much money the city needs to borrow for his construction program. Through street building and economic program, he said, he hoped, with the assistance of private industry, to provide for the absorption of any unemployment in the city.

I shall ask for legislative authority to borrow \$10,000,000 to put Boston streets in fitting condition. The present shape of our streets is wretched for a city the size of Boston. About 1200 streets have been accepted and homes reared in them in the suburbs, but the streets have never been put in condition. That must be remedied and it will give work to many now idle.

At least \$4,000,000 are required to extend the Elevated tunnel from Governor's square. This is a vital need and an important link in the city's transportation scheme. Equally important is the expansion of the airport, for which \$1,000,000 is required.

The mayor-elect also said he would take immediate steps to extend the airport to Governor's island through filling in by pumping from the harbor bed. This would give air transportation greater area and provide room for plants manufacturing airplane products, he explained.

He also plans the widening of Summer and L streets from the army base to the Strandway, South Boston, also smooth paving and the construction of a white way lighting system in Charlestown.

GLOBE 11/26/29

### EDITORIAL POINTS

It has occurred to Mayor-Elect Curley, who says that he is planning to spend about \$15,000,000 on the Boston Airport and the improvement of about 1200 streets in Boston, that first he will have to find out the condition of the city treasury.

Does Mayor-Elect Curley approve of Mayor Nichols' \$5,000,000 Court House project?

POST 11/26/29

### BRIGHTON MAN WINS CURLEY FLIVVER

P/26 David L. Dorfman, 32-year-old Brighton jewelry salesman, came within two votes of guessing Mayor-elect Curley's winning plurality of 20,458 votes, and was yesterday awarded the 1930 Ford sport roadster, donated to the Curley campaign by Congressman John W. McCormack of South Boston.

RECORD 1/25/29

# Curley, too, Joins in Boom

Pledging their full support to President Hoover's project to aid industry, Governor Allen and Mayor-elect Curley yesterday announced plans to keep up wages, cut unemployment and speed up building in the state and Boston.

Every economic and business resource of Massachusetts will be invoked by Governor Allen to increase commercial and construction activities. Private industry will be called on to speed up work in concert with the federal government's program to readjust the nation after the stock market crash.

As he awaits the few more elapsing weeks before he again steps into the mayor's chair in City Hall, Mayor-elect Curley is planning a definite policy to co-operate with President Hoover.

The most outstanding problems along this line which occupies the mayor-elect, he declared yesterday, was the expenditure of about \$15,000,000 for expansion of the airport, improvement of 1200 accepted streets in the suburbs and construction of Boston streets so they will be in fitting shape.

## PLANS TO BOOST WAGES.

Curley said he does not know what the condition of the city's treasury is now and that he will make an investigation of its standing when he takes office in order to find out how much the city must borrow.

Then Curley plans to seek legislative authority from the state to borrow the desired amount in order to go ahead with his plans to cut unemployment to the bone, to increase wages and put Boston on the map as the most happy and contented city in the nation.

Outlining his plan to liven up industry and employment in Boston, Curley said there were perhaps three outstanding projects which were the crying need of the moment.

Through his street, public enterprise and economic plan he hopes, along with the government and private industry to provide for the absorption of any unemployment in the Hub. To this, he said, he has dedicated himself whole-heartedly.

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Curley added that immediate steps on a major scale would be taken by him to extend the airport to Governor's Island through filling in by pumping from the harbor bed. This would give air transportation a greater area and enable private concerns to locate nearby for the manufacture of their products. Railroad facilities could be extended to the area, so that by rail and air products and raw materials could be shipped.

Widening of Summer and L sts., from the Army Base to the Strandway, South Boston, and the smooth paving and construction of a white way lighting system in Charlestown are a few of the other processes by which the mayor-elect hopes to add Boston's contribution in helping Hoover carry out his program for a return to normalcy.

HERALD 1/25/29

# CITY AND STATE PLAN NEW WORK TO AID HOOVER

Allen and Curley Outline  
Programs for 1930  
Construction

## AIRPORT EXPANSION TO COST \$15,000,000

Massachusetts Outlays Most  
Extensive in  
History

Governor Allen for the state, and Mayor-elect Curley for the city of Boston, in separate statements yesterday made definite pledges in support of President Hoover's business stabilization program.

The Governor has already authorized the immediate construction of a new office building for the metropolitan district commission and promises that the state budget for the coming year will provide for the "most ambitious program of construction and reconstruction of highways and public works."

The expending of \$15,000,000 for expansion of the local airport and the

improvement of 1200 accepted streets in the suburbs are among the plans of Boston's next Mayor.

Mayor Nichols last night said in connection with the Hoover program, that he will make what he called "the most important statement of my career, before the city council Friday." This is in connection with immediate plans for Boston's part on the "prosperity" program.

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TRANSCRIPT 1/25/29

# PIGEON LAUDS GOODWIN E. BOSTON TUNNEL STAND

## Letter Says "Logical Place to Land" Approach is Between Harbor View and Orient Heights

Fred L. Pigeon of the Pigeon Hollow Spar Company, East Boston, and husband of Mrs Elizabeth Pigeon, new member of the School Committee, in a letter today to Frank A. Goodwin, chairman of the Finance Commission, warmly praised the stand taken by Mr Goodwin on the approaches of the East Boston Tunnel.

Mr Pigeon wrote that it was problematical as to what benefits East Boston would derive from the new tube, but pointed out that the logical place to land it would be at a point between Harbor View and Orient Heights. He thought, however, that the proposed tunnel should be built in a straight line to South Boston and brought out on Dorchester av, South of Broadway, and possibly on the west side of Dorchester av in the vicinity of Dover st.

Mr Pigeon further says:

"The widening of Causeway st has done very little to relieve the congestion. In fact, I think it has made matters worse, for so many taxis going to and from the North Station make the traffic flowing west very slow. It is stop, stop; and how are you going to get the thousands of machines by that point that will come through the tunnel?

"As far as East Boston is concerned, the tunnel simply lands on Noddle Island because of its geographical situation. What benefits it will bring to East Boston is problematical. I do not think any great benefit will be derived from the tunnel, unless we have a railroad around our waterfront.

"The logical place to land the East Boston approach is between Harbor View and Orient Heights, to keep the traffic from cluttering up the streets of East Boston. With the dense population along Chelsea st, where it is proposed to come out, two or three children are bound to be killed daily.

"Mayor-elect Curley has promised East Boston a waterfront boulevard and beach from Wood Island Park to the Winthrop line. This boulevard can be widened at this point, between Harbor View and Orient Heights and used for the East Boston approach and connected with the Revere Beach Parkway, to take care of the North Shore traffic, for which the tunnel is to be built.

### Says Merger Eventually

"At the same time the tunnel is being built extend the present tube to Orient Heights and have the Revere Beach & Lynn Railway come into the same station at the Heights. One of these roads should buy the other out, for a merger will come some day, and the sooner the better. This, I think, will solve the East Boston entrance. Part of the discontinued roadbed can be used for an entrance and boulevard.

"The tunnel, in my opinion, should be built in a straight line across to South Boston and brought to the sur-

fact on Dorchester av, south of Broadway and possibly on the west side of Dorchester av, in the vicinity of Dover st. By this exit and entrance you have an outlet through to Cape Cod, by repairing Dorchester av to the Old Colony boulevard. Widen Dover st to 150 feet to Tremont st, cut diagonally across Gray, Clarendon, Appleton and Lawrence sts to Dartmouth st, and here we have an exit and entrance to and from the south and west of Boston and the Charles River Parkway.

"For trucking we have good roads to freight terminals in South Boston. South Station and Central Boston a special road for trucks alongside Dover st to Albany st. Make Albany st north a one-way street to Beach st and you have solved the trucking problem to the South Station and central Boston. Trucking going to the North Station and Charlestown would not use the tunnel, anyway, but would come by the way of Chelsea and Charlestown.

### "Boston Needs Belt Line"

"To one who has had the best interests of Boston at heart and has had to listen to what is always 'going to be done' for Boston to bring business here, the situation causes a smile. Boston, as a commercial port has gone from second place to eighth. Why? For no other reason than that the railroad situation is what it is. Boston needs a belt line which will connect the North and South Stations. Do away with the switching charges, which in most cases amount to more than the cost of sending the shipment from Boston to Buffalo, N.Y. Why can it not be done? The Pennsylvania Railroad controls the N.Y., N.H. & H. Railroad, and they in turn control the B. & M. Railroad, so what hinders?"

"If Boston is going to grow and prosper as it should, this is the first problem Mayor-elect Curley can straighten out when he takes office. East Boston must have a belt line around its waterfront. As a residential section we are on the down trend and business must have the call. If all interested citizens get behind you, we will have a tunnel where it belongs."

## No Date Set Yet for B. U. Building

Stating his hope in the ability of Boston University to raise enough financial aid to assure the breaking of ground for the new university buildings as a feature of the Boston Tercentenary celebrations in 1930, Mayor-elect James M. Curley declared today that this institution, the largest in the city, will have a definite part in the anniversary program.

In commenting on the mayor-elect's announcement, President Daniel L. Marsh said that, while no definite date for the start of construction has been set, he is thoroughly in agreement with the Boston University part of the proposed Tercentenary plans.

"Boston University, the largest educational institution in this city, is expected to predominate in the celebration of 1930. With its numerous graduates, scattered all over the country, it would be only fitting that they should be called back to their alma mater, that they may share in the praise which is due her for her share in the making of the city of Boston.

"It is also my purpose to appoint a committee of two hundred citizens of Boston to work with the Tercentenary committee. On the committee there will be at least five able men to represent Boston University who will be needed to guide the plans for the celebration," Mr. Curley said.

"Mayor Curley may be assured that Boston University will be glad to co-operate with him in every movement that looks toward the material advancement of Boston, the enhancing of the name and fame of our city, and the enriching of human life," President Marsh said in reply.

"So far as the building program of the University is concerned, I repeat what I have several times said: Boston University now owns its new building site, extending from Granby street to a point near the Cottage Farm bridge, and from Commonwealth avenue to the Charles River. We have retained architects who are at work on the plans. We are inviting the financial assistance of friends of higher education to make possible this development. We must have the buildings to make adequate housing facilities for Boston University.

"I am hoping and working and praying that somebody with means will see in this proposed development an opportunity to give in a large way so as to make possible the beginning of the development of the new campus. Here is an opportunity for the beautifying of the Charles River basin, for the erection of a magnificent memorial, and at the same time, for a service to generations yet to be.

"I have been very careful not to announce any dates when the work will be begun, and certainly none as to when it will be finished. I have announced the plans of the trustees. I have announced our ambitions and dreams, but I have been careful to announce no dates. I do venture, however, to announce our hopes. We hope that we may have money enough to warrant the beginning of the development with the celebration of the Tercentenary of the founding of Boston," the Boston University president concluded.

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## Right in Line

Encouraging, timely and to the point, are the statements of Governor Frank G. Allen, Mayor Malcolm E. Nichols and Mayor-elect James M. Curley on their plans for support of the business stabilization program set forth by President Hoover last week.

"The State budget for 1930," the governor announces, "will undoubtedly provide for the most ambitious program for construction and reconstruction of highways and public works ever undertaken."

The governor expects, too, that all Bay State cities and towns will co-operate and that Massachusetts will give all possible aid to the business stabilization idea.

Mayor Nichols will give the City Council Friday what he describes in advance as "the most important statement of my career." It will deal with immediate plans for Boston's share in the "prosperity" program.

Mayor-elect Curley, alert as ever to emergencies, announces plans for expenditure of \$15,000,000 for airport expansion, extension of the Elevated tunnel from Governor sq. and improvement of 1200 accepted suburban streets.

Mr. Curley hopes that the city's building program, coupled with aid from private industry, will absorb local unemployment.

If the States and leading cities knit together in such helpful and cohesive spirit as is shown by Massachusetts and Boston executives, the President's stabilization program starts out with a "Go" sign that means something.

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## Curley to Spend \$10,000,000 on Streets

Mayor-elect James M. Curley stated last night that he has included in plans for his forthcoming administration an expenditure of \$15,000,000 for the improvement of 1200 streets of the city, expansion of the Boston Airport and extension of the Elevated tunnel from Governor square.

"I shall ask for legislative authority to borrow \$10,000,000 to put Boston streets in fitting condition," said Mr. Curley. "About 1200 streets have been accepted and homes reared in them in the suburbs, but the streets have never been put in condition. At least \$4,000,000 is required to extend the Elevated tunnel from Governor square. This is a vital need and an important link in the city's transportation scheme."

The mayor-elect said that he plans also the widening of Summer and L streets from the Army Bast to the Strandway, South Boston; also smooth paving and the construction of a white way lighting system in Charlestown.

## THANKSGIVING PARTY IN ROSLINDALE

### Curley Cup for Winner of Beauty Contest

The annual Thanksgiving party will be held in the Washington Irving School hall on Poplar st, Roslindale, tomorrow evening, under auspices of the Roslindale Associates.

The James M. Curley Cup will be



MISS KATHRYN BRYMER

awarded the girl selected as "Miss Roslindale." There will be dancing and entertainment.

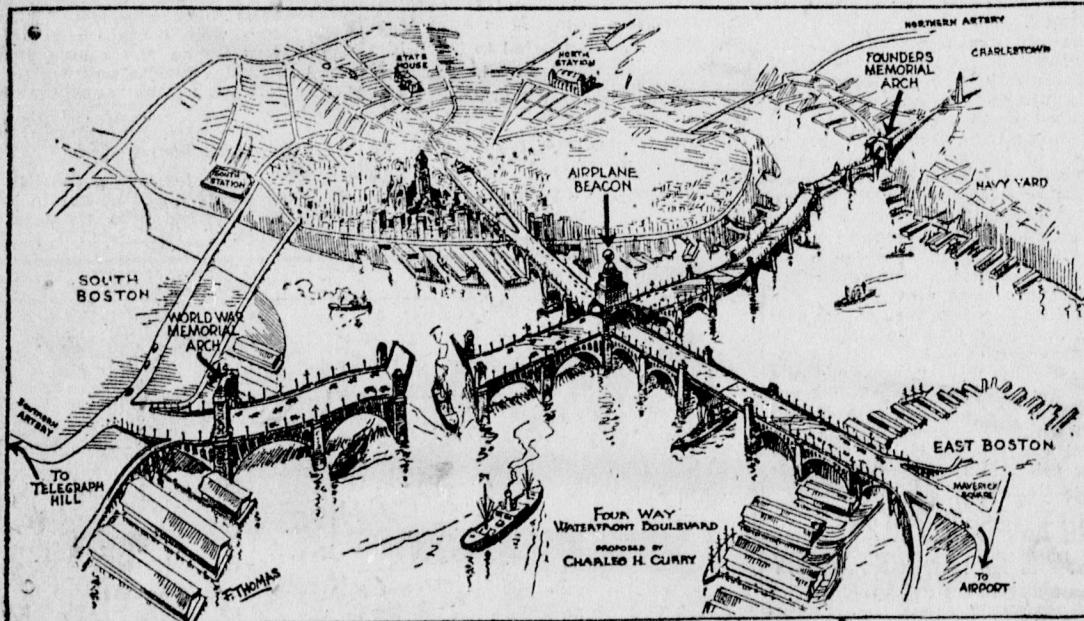
Miss Kathryn Brymer of Roslindale will direct the entertainment, which will include various dances given by her pupils. She will also be a member of the judges' committee in the beauty contest. She herself has set a mark seldom attained by girls in Greater Boston as a beauty contest winner.

Committee consists of George Pritchard, president; James Keefe, secretary; Miss Margaret Donnelly, treasurer; Cornelius Sullivan, Gerald Harvey, Leonard Armstrong and the Misses Rose Alsano and Gertrude Q. Walsh.

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# CHARLESTOWN-SOUTH BOSTON BRIDGE PROJECT WILL SOON BE CONSIDERED

**Curry Proposes Also Another Structure Uniting East Boston and City Proper, at \$20,000,000 Cost, With Draw and Towers, Including Airport Beacon—  
Would Join Northern and Southern Arteries**



SKETCH OF THE CURRY BRIDGE PLAN FOR BOSTON HARBOR

Entering office Jan 6 Mayor-elect Curley has promised to give consideration to the plan of Charles H. Curry, Boston business man, for a pair of bridges across the inner harbor, one linking Charlestown with South Boston and the other intersecting the line of this to tie up East Boston with the mainland.

The primary motive of this whole scheme, which Mr Curry claims could be realized for something like \$20,000,000, is to take care of traffic needs for several generations to come. The Charlestown-South Boston bridge would tie up the now loose ends of the Northern and Southern arteries and the Boston-East Boston structure would make for quicker passage to and from the North Shore and points to the west of Boston.

#### 140 Feet Above Water

The Charlestown end of the South Boston bridge would open on State-

owned Bunker Hill, the South Boston end resting on Telegraph Hill, city-owned South Boston High School property.

The Boston-East Boston bridge would rest in Noddle Island on Maverick sq and the mainland end would take the line of broadened Cambridge st. Such a bridge, Curry claims, would shorten the automobile journey from a point near Copley sq to the Boston Airport, now requiring 45 minutes, to a journey of 14 minutes.

The bridges would be of boulevard type, well-lighted, 100 feet wide and with 10-foot sidewalks. The traffic structure would be 140 feet above water line and on the land would rise from 60 to 80 feet until terra firma was reached. There would be numerous ramps by which mainland business colonies could be reached from the bridge.

#### Would Move Quincy Market

An Eiffel Tower-like structure, rising perhaps 250 feet above the water-line, could be erected at the inter-

section of the bridges, Curry suggests, and this could be surmounted by an airport beacon. In this structure could be built housing accommodations for veterans' organizations, perhaps a military hospital.

On either side of this central tower and on both bridges would be lifts or draws, which could be opened for passage of craft that could not pass under the structures closed. Mr Curry thinks the War and Navy Departments would readily approve his plan on this account, if city or State authorities undertook to finance the scheme.

This line of the Boston-East Boston bridge would pass over the site of the present city-owned ferry property on the Noddle Island side, over mainland wharf property that could be purchased cheaply, and up toward Cambridge st on what is now the line of North and South Market sts. Quincy Market could be moved to the Atlantic av waterfront, Mr Curry thinks, and on the line of such a broad thoroughfare Faneuil Hall would have a finer setting.

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## THE STABILIZING SEASON



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## CURLEY GAINS 18 45 MORE VOTES

"...in better," she answered.

Curley car drove off with them in the cemetery realizing that they had been there.

So tremendous was the throng in the cemetery that every available police facility was called to the scene. Within the gates 35 Malden police officers kept order in three great lines, reaching from the gates to the shrine. At the grave 75 uniformed members of Malden Post 69, American Legion, in charge of Senior Commander Melvin P. Reed, assisted police.

Scores of women fainted, the cries of little lost children rose shrilly, and the hysterical, piercing prayers of the afflicted rang out above the weary shuffle of feet and the rumbling chant of thousands of voices.

In 22 precincts recounted by Election Department workers in this forenoon's session at City Hall Annex, James M. Curley scored a net gain of 45 votes over Frederick W. Mansfield in the Nov 5 Mayoralty vote, and thus Curley's plurality over Mansfield arrived at a figure within 100 of the 20,000 plurality which was the basis of some betting.

With 181 of the city's 339 precincts recounted, it would seem impossible that Dr Charles E. Mackey can overcome the first lead of William A. Reilly for the second School Committee seat. In this forenoon's 22 precincts, Reilly scored another net gain of 40 votes, adding to his 800 lead over Mackey.

Asst Chief Registrar Paul D. Kane sent to the City Council the official retabulation of the vote on the referendum question with relation to substituting the Board of Commissioners of School Buildings for the city Schoolhouse Commission, the final vote reading, yes, 110,453; no, 57,276; blanks, 50,632.

These three figures, added together, would give the official representation of the vote that turned out Nov 5 as 218,361.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman of Boston took the view that if Mr. Fuller had anything to say he should appear voluntarily. He laughed.

"Perhaps a compromise might be affected by the sending of an invitation," he said.

He was fully aware of the election of James M. Curley as mayor of Boston, and many of the circumstances incident to the campaign. He knew that John C. L. Dowling was out as chairman of the Boston finance commission, and that Frank A. Goodwin had been appointed to succeed him. He also knew of other lesser developments of the past few weeks, but to any and all questions on these subjects he had nothing to say. The financial situation and the subject of supervision of public utilities were discussed at length, but Mr. Fuller was not to be quoted—although he showed a surprising grasp of affairs as they stand today when it is considered that he has been away from the scene of these activities for weeks.

HERALD 11/19/29

## O'NEILS RETURN FROM VACATION IN EUROPE

Banker Sees New Era for Bay State Democracy

(Special Dispatch to The Herald)

NEW YORK, Nov. 18—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. O'Neil of Boston returned on the Leviathan today, after spending their first vacation in 16 years in Europe. For two months they have been visiting in Ireland, England, Germany, France, Spain, Italy and Switzerland, with Mrs. Mary E. Burke of Washington.

Mr. O'Neil heard of the election of James M. Curley as mayor while in Dublin, and from there he sent a cablegram of congratulations. He believes that a new day has dawned for the Democracy of Massachusetts, that conditions are to be greatly changed during the mayor-elect's next administration, and that the city is to benefit from it.

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**Mayor-Elect Curley Gives a Hand to Volunteers**



(Transcript Photo by Frank E. Colby)

Colonel Walter Duncan (Left), Commanding the Volunteers of America in New England, and Mayor-Elect James M. Curley, Handing Out the First of 4000 Thanksgiving Dinners from the Howard Street Quarters in West End, This Afternoon

AMERICAN 11/29/29

# HAPPY HOLIDAY FOR CURLEYS

The holiday was a day of real Thanksgiving for Mayor-elect Curley and his family. For Mrs Curley, who has been seriously ill during the most part of the past two years and restricted to a rigid diet, was again strong enough to come down from her sick room to dinner at their Jamaicaway home.

Their six children, Miss Mary Curley, James, Jr., George, Francis, Paul and Leo flanked the festive table. The only guest was a classmate of Miss Curley from the

College of the Sacred Heart at Manhattanville, N. Y., who is spending the Thanksgiving vacation at the Curley home.

The mayor-elect observed the day by accepting no invitations to speak or participate in public or civic functions. The entire day and the evening he devoted to his family.

Today Mrs. Curley will observe her birthday anniversary.

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# Volunteers Send Out Thanksgiving Dinners



GETTING THANKSGIVING DINNERS READY

Volunteer workers assisting officials of the Volunteers of America prepare Thanksgiving dinners for 4000 people. Left to right: Mrs. W. R. Tarbett, Georgiana MacNeill, Mrs. Mary MacNeill, Mrs. Agnes Arey, Miss Mary MacNeill, G. J. French.

Not only were 4000 Thanksgiving dinners sent to needy homes yesterday by the Volunteers of America, but arrangements were made by Colonel and Mrs. Walter Duncan to provide that some very old and feeble people have their dinners at a nearby restaurant.

One of the first to arrive at 39 Howard street, from which point the dinners were distributed, was Mayor-elect James M. Curley. Mr. Curley smilingly passed out the first bag and then posed for his photograph.

The bags contained enough food for at least three meals for a family. They were stuffed to overflowing with tomatoes, spinach, celery, grapes, apples, meat, groceries and a generous supply of bread and butter. The first 100 bags were taken by people who came for them and the balance were sent in the trucks of the Volunteers of America.

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11 Mayor-elect James M. Curley this afternoon gave out the first of the Thanksgiving baskets to persons who applied at the headquarters of the Volunteers of America, 39 Howard st. Those to whom Mr Curley presented baskets were Mrs Delia Nee and Mrs Alice Nee, both of South Boston. Both are widows. Mrs Delia has three children and Mrs Alice has six.

The baskets were stuffed full of provisions, each one containing enough for at least three meals for a family. For large families, additional supplies were put in. Vtands included tomatoes, spinach, celery, grapes, apples, groceries of assorted kinds and generous quantities of bread and butter. Crackers and candy for children went into each parcel.

Applicants began to reach the Volunteers early in October. Since that time the Volunteers have been getting supplementary lists of the needy from hospitals and welfare societies, and they have been striving to get together money and supplies to meet the need. Between 3600 and 4000 dinners will be given away.

# PROPOSES TWO HARBOR SPANS

Among projects Mayor-elect Curley has promised to consider on taking office is construction of two bridges across the inner harbor.

This plan, originated by Charles H. Curry, Boston business man, provides for one bridge linking Charlestown with South Boston and the other intersecting it, stretching from the mainland to East Boston.

Curry asserts the project could be carried out at a cost of about \$20,000,000 and take care of traffic needs for several generations to come.

The Charlestown-South Boston bridge, according to its sponsor, would form a link between the Northern and Southern arteries, and the other would speed up traffic from the North Shore and points west of Boston.

Both ends of the Charlestown-South Boston bridge would open on city owned property, Bunker Hill and Telegraph Hill respectively. The Boston-East Boston bridge would rest on Maverick sq., and would take the line of broadened Cambridge st., on the mainland. Curry says it would shorten the automobile journey from Copley sq., to Boston Airport from the 45 minutes now required, to 14 minutes.

He would have a structure rising from the intersection of the two bridges, surmounted by an airplane beacon.

It is the aim of the society to have plenty of good food for this one day, at least, go into the neediest households. Some of the oldest persons will be given dinners at restaurants, and in some cases clothing and shoes will be provided.

Under auspices of the Volunteer Prison League, which was founded by Mrs Ballington Booth, wives and families of more than 100 men now in prison have been cared for.

Preparation of the baskets was supervised by Col and Mrs Walter Duncan, commanding the Volunteers of America in New England. They were assisted by the following volunteers:

Mrs Cora Williams, past president of the State Spanish War Auxiliary; Mrs M. E. Bateman, president of Kearsarge Naval Auxiliary; Mrs Mary McNeil, past president State Spanish War Auxiliary; Mrs Bertha V. Sherman, vice president of Crane Auxiliary, Roxbury, No. 2; Mrs Catherine C. Byrnes, junior vice president M. J. O'Connor Auxiliary 58, and Mrs Jennie Tarbett, M. J. O'Connor Auxiliary, 58, of South Boston.

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# MAYOR-ELECT CURLEY HELPS VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA DISTRIBUTE THEIR DINNERS



Mayor-Elect Curley presenting first Thanksgiving dinner distributed by Volunteers of America at headquarters on Howard st. Col Duncan, head of the organization, is at the left.

Thanksgiving Day cheer from the Volunteers of America began yesterday when the first of the Turkey Day baskets were distributed at headquarters of the organization, 30 Howard st. Mayor-elect James M. Curley presented the first two baskets to Mrs Delia Nee, widowed mother of three children and Mrs Alice Dee, widowed mother of six children, all from South Boston.

Each basket contained enough for at least three meals for a family. Additional supplies were added to baskets for large families. Viands included to-

matoes, spinach, celery, grapes, apples, groceries of assorted kinds and generous quantities of bread and butter. Crackers and candy for children went into each parcel.

Those benefiting by the distribution yesterday and today have been making applications for their Thanksgiving Dinner since early in October. Supplementary lists have been obtained from hospitals and welfare societies, and they have been striving together money and supplies to get the need. Between 3600 and 4000 dinners were given.

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## CURLEY HANDING OUT FIRST DINNER OF VOLUNTEERS



Mayor-elect James M. Curley distributing first of 4000 Thanksgiving dinners provided by Volunteers of America, at No. 1 post, 39 Hanover street. Col. Walter Duncan is assisting.

## First of 4000 Volunteers of America Dinners Is Handed Out by Curley

### *Mayor-elect Curley to Carve Turkey at Home*

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**Mayor-Elect Curley will spend Thanksgiving Day at home with his wife and children. The traditional turkey will grace the Curley table and the newly elected chief executive will carve the bird like other fathers throughout the nation.**

**He hopes to have a quiet day at his home in Jamaica and will banish all thoughts of politics and the work which faces him after he is inducted into office.**

Mayor-elect Curley handed out the first of the 4000 Thanksgiving dinners which the Volunteers of America yesterday provided for needy Boston families.

Preparation of the baskets was supervised by Col. and Mrs. Walter Duncan, commanding the Volunteers of America in New England. They were assisted by a corps of volunteer workers, including Mrs. Cora Williams and Mrs. Mary McNeil, past presidents of the state Spanish War Veterans' auxiliary; Mrs. M. E. Bateman, president of the Kearsarge Naval auxiliary; Mrs. Bertha V. Sherman, vice-president of the Crane auxiliary, Roxbury; Mrs. Catherine C. Byrnes, junior vice-president of the M. J. O'Connor auxiliary, and Mrs. Jennie Tarbett of the M. J. O'Connor auxiliary of South Boston.

Each basket contained enough for at least three meals for a family. Where there were more than five or six children additional supplies were added.

The baskets contained tomatoes, spinach, celery, grapes, apples, groceries and bread and butter. A supply of candies and crackers were included for the children.

Applications for dinners reached the Volunteers early in October. Hospitals and welfare societies sent in supplementary lists of deserving people whom they wished to include, as late as Wednesday. The number of relief calls is greater than last year.

In addition to providing baskets, Col. and Mrs. Duncan, through the generosity of friends, have arranged for some of the very old people to have their dinners at a restaurant. Where there is need of clothing and shoes, these were given.

The wives and families of more than 100 men at present in prison have been cared for by the Volunteer Prison league, which was founded by the "Little Mother" of prisoners, Maud Ballington Booth, co-founder with Gen. Ballington Booth of the Volunteers of America.

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## THE BIG DAY IS HERE



### Observe Birthday for Mrs. Curley Tomorrow

A simple birthday party, with only members of the family in attendance, will be held in the Curley home on Jamaicaway for Mrs. James M. Curley, wife of the Mayor-elect, tomorrow.

Mr. Curley declared that the family on that occasion will offer prayer that Mrs. Curley will soon be restored to health.

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**Mayor-Elect Distributes Thanksgiving Dinners**



(Daily Record Photo)

Acting for the Volunteers of America who donated 4000 baskets to the poor for Thanksgiving dinners, Mayor-Elect James M. Curley is shown above issuing the first of the dinners yesterday. Each basket contained enough for at least three meals for a family.

RECORD 11/29/29

**TURKEY FEAST  
FOR HUB'S POOR**

Bigest of all Boston's Thanksgiving Day celebrations yesterday was the Salvation Army's free dinner for 1100 Greater Boston youngsters at Ford Hall.

The menu began with turkey and ended with pie, and there was plenty of it for second and third helpings.

An overflow of 100 boys and girls were taken care of by the Brass Rail restaurant on Boylston st.

Besides the dinner, the Sallies distributed 250 Thanksgiving baskets to needy families.

Col. and Mrs. Joseph Atkinson, New England commanding officers, were in charge of the dinner, and Mayor Nichols and Mrs. Nichols were present.

**BUSY DAY FOR NOTABLES**

The Mayor had begun his day by attending the services of the Boston Federation of Churches at Symphony Hall, and had then officiated at a dinner to 330 men and women at the Boston Industrial Home, before he went home to dine with his family.

Gov. and Mrs. Allen attended a football game at Lynn, and then dined at the home of the Governor's father, Frank M. Allen, on Bachelor st., Lynn. Others at the dinner were the Governor's son, his sister, Miss Grace Allen; Thomas Wallace of Pittsburgh and Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Crane of Dedham.

Mayor-elect James M. Curley had a simple celebration at his home because of Mrs. Curley's ill health. Her birthday will be celebrated today.

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HAPPY HOLIDAY**

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## Vets' Chief Greets Curley



William Murphy of Santa Ana, Calif., national commander of the disabled veterans of the World War, and personal representative of Mayor James J. Rolfe of San Francisco, greeting Mayor Curley and presenting him with flowers for Mrs. Curley. (Staff photo.)

### Mrs. Curley Observes Birthday Anniversary

Mrs. James M. Curley, celebrated her birthday anniversary quietly in her home in the Jamaica way yesterday. She spent the entire day in the sick room after Thanksgiving Day. It was stated she suffered no ill effects on the holiday, but it was deemed best she rest completely.

## FUNERAL OF VETERAN CITY HALL EMPLOYEE

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Last Tributes Are Paid  
Hugh W. J. McLaughlin

City and county officials, relatives, friends and co-workers attended the funeral of Hugh W. J. McLaughlin, veteran City Hall employee, held from his late home, 401 Charles st, this morning.

Nearly all the municipal departments were represented at the solemn high requiem mass in St Joseph's Church, Chambers st. Prominent among those attending was Mayor-elect James M. Curley, under whose previous administration Mr McLaughlin had served as assistant custodian of City Hall.

Rev Fr Maurice J. O'Brien, celebrant of the mass, was assisted by Rev Fr John T. Powers, deacon, and Rev Fr Joseph J. Smith, sub deacon. Terry's requiem was sung by the choir of the church directed by Miss Catherine V. Cuddy, organist. Soloists were Mrs Helen Countie Galvin, soprano; Miss Mildred Crowley, alto, and Joseph Linehan, bass. At the close of the services Mr Linehan sang the De Profundis.

Mr McLaughlin died Wednesday, following a lingering sickness. He entered the employ of the city in May, 1879, serving first in the office of the city messenger and later being transferred to the custodian's department. In February, 1910, he was promoted to be assistant to the custodian, a position which he held up to the time of his retirement a month ago. He was born

March 1, 1861, and had served as a city employee under the administrations of Mayor Frederick Prince in 1879 to the present Mayor Nichols.

Among those present at the mass were Daniel J. Sheehan, chief custodian of City Hall; James Logue, John Fogarty, George Perry and Charles Corcoran of the custodian's department; City Councilor John A. Fitzgerald; Capt James McDevitt of Police Division 3; officer Patrick J. Leahy of the tax collector's office; officer James Halligan, guardian of the Mayor's office; Assessor William H. Cuddy; James Friel, inspector of Wire Department; Edward J. Leary, city messenger; Henry J. Savage, Dennis Manonev, city inspectors; Daniel D. Hurley, Election Department; Joseph F. Landers, Wire Department; Martin A. Hernan, Schoolhouse Department inspector; Daniel P. Hawe, Public Buildings Department; Robert Mason, Public Works Department inspector; Robert tMoulton; court officer Jeremiah McCarthy, John J. Goodfellow, William J. Murphy, Health Department; John F. Coffey, Maurice Clancy, Wilfred Cushing, Frank Foley, attorney James L. O'Connor, Hammond T. Fletcher and Mrs Maria Bateman.

There were many floral tributes, including a piece from Mr and Mrs Curley; employees of City Hall and St Joseph's T. A. Society.

Mr McLaughlin is survived by a sister, Margaret, and four nephews, George, Cornelius, Charles and John Sullivan.

Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden, where prayers were offered by Rev Fr Smith.